

STUDENT COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE

NEPN/NSBA Code: IJNDB

RSU #78 devices, network, and Internet access are provided to support the educational mission of the schools and to enhance the curriculum and learning opportunities for students and school staff. This policy and the accompanying rules also apply to devices issued directly to students, whether in use at school or off school premises. Students are allowed to use privately- owned computers at school with prior authorization, provided that they comply with this policy and the accompanying rules.

Student use of school devices, networks and Internet services is a privilege, not a right. Compliance with the school policies and rules concerning devices use is mandatory. Students who violate these policies and rules may, after being given an opportunity to respond to an alleged violation, have their devices privileges limited, suspended, or altered. The building administrator shall have the final authority to decide whether a student's devices privileges will be altered, based on the circumstances of the particular case. Such violations may also result in disciplinary action, referral to law enforcement, and/or legal action.

RSU #78 devices remain under the control, custody, and supervision of the school at all times. The school monitors all computer and Internet activity by students. Students have no expectation of privacy in their use of school devices, whether they are used on or off school property.

RSU #78 utilizes filtering technology designed to block materials that are obscene or harmful to minors, and child pornography. The school takes precautions to supervise student use of the Internet, but parents should be aware that the school cannot reasonably prevent all instances of inappropriate devices use by students in violation of Board policies and rules, including access to objectionable materials and communication with persons outside of the school.

Students and parents shall be informed of this policy and the accompanying rules through handbooks, the school website, and/or other means selected by the Superintendent.

The Superintendent is responsible for implementing this policy and the accompanying rules. Additional administrative procedures or school rules governing the day-to-day management and operations of the school's ~~computer~~ technology system may be implemented, consistent with Board policies and rules.

Legal Reference: 47 USC §254(h)(5) (Children's Internet Protection Act)

Cross Reference: EGAD – Copyright Compliance
GCSA – Employee Computer and Internet Use
IJNDB-E – Student Computer and Internet Use Rules
IJND – Distance Learning Program
JK – Student Discipline

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