STUDENT COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE

The School Department provides computers, networks and Internet access to support the educational mission of the schools

This policy and the accompanying rules also apply to all electronic devices including laptops issued directly to students whether in use at school or off school premises.

Students are allowed to use privately-owned computers at school provided that they comply with this policy and the accompanying rules.

Student use of school computer technology is a privilege not a right. Students are to utilize school's computer technology for school-related and educational purposes.

Compliance with the School Department's policies and rules concerning computer use is mandatory. Students who violate these policies and rules may, after being given an opportunity to respond to an alleged violation, have their computer privileges limited, suspended or revoked. The building administrator shall have the final authority to decide whether a student's computer 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.

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

The School Department utilizes filtering technology designed to block materials that are obscene or harmful to minors, and child pornography. The School Department takes precautions to supervise student use of the Internet and electronic communications, and to prevent the unlawful disclosure, use or dissemination of personally identifiable information about students. The School Department educates students about safety on the Internet, appropriate online behavior and cyberbullying awareness and response, but parents should be aware that the School Department cannot reasonably prevent all instances of inappropriate computer use by students that may violate Board policies and rules, including access to objectionable materials and communication.

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 or his/her designee is responsible for implementing this policy. Additional administrative procedures or school rules governing the day-to-day management and operations of the School Department's computer system may be implemented by the Superintendent, consistent with Board policies and rules.

Cross Reference: IJNDB-R – Student Computer and Internet Use Regulations JICIA - Weapons, Violence, and School Safety JICK - Bullying GBEB - Staff Conduct with Students GCSA - Employee Computer and Internet Use EGAD - Copyright Compliance JFCK - Student Use of Cellular Telephone and Other Electronic Devices

Legal Reference: 47 U.S.C. § 254(h)(%) (Children's Internet Protection Act)

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