

## **STUDENT COMPUTER AND NETWORK USE**

The school unit provides computers, network and Internet access to support the educational mission of the schools and to enhance the curriculum and learning opportunities for students and school staff. The Board believes that the resources available through the Internet are of significant value in the learning process and preparing students for future success. At the same time, the unregulated availability of information and communication on the Internet requires that schools establish reasonable controls for lawful, efficient and appropriate use of this technology.

This policy and any accompanying rules also apply to all personal electronic devices brought to school, including but not limited to computers, cameras, PDA's, cell phones, i-pods, etc., as well as any school owned property used outside of school.

Student use of school computers, network and Internet services is a privilege not a right. Students are required to comply with this policy and any accompanying rules (see cross references below). Students who violate the policy and/or rules may have their computer privileges revoked and may also be subject to further disciplinary and/or legal action.

All school unit computers remain under the control, custody and supervision of the school unit. The school unit reserves the right to monitor all computer and Internet activity by students. Students have no expectation of privacy in their use of school computers, or any personal electronic devices.

While reasonable precautions will be taken to supervise student use of the Internet, the school unit cannot reasonably prevent all inappropriate uses, including access to objectionable materials and communication with persons outside of the school, in violation of Board policies/procedures and school rules. The school unit is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of information that students obtain through the Internet.

Before a student is allowed to use school computers, network and Internet services, the student and the student's parent/guardian must sign and return the Student Computer and Network Access Acknowledgment. The signed acknowledgment will be retained by the school.

The Superintendent shall be responsible for overseeing the implementation of this policy and the accompanying rules and for advising the Board of the need for any future amendments or revisions to the policy/rules. The Superintendent may develop additional administrative procedures/rules governing the day-to-day management and operations of the school unit's computer and network system as long as they are consistent with the Board's policy/rules. The Superintendent may delegate specific responsibilities to building principals and others as he/she deems appropriate.

Cross Reference: GCSA – Employee Computer and Network Use  
IJNDB-R – Student Computer and Network Use Rules  
IJNDB-E – Student Computer and Network Access Acknowledgment  
CODE OF CONDUCT APPENDIX: Laptop and Personal Electronic Devices Rules & Consequences

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