

POLICY GOVERNING THE MAINE LEARNING TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE

It is the intention of the Board of Directors to make available computers and accessories purchased by, and on loan from, the Department of Education for all students covered under the MLTI beginning in September 2002. These computers are the property of the State of Maine, registered to the District, and must be returned to the District upon request.

The use of these computers will be governed by the "Student Computer / Technology and Internet Use" Policy (File: IJNDB and IJNDB-R). Specifically, the RSU # 14 schools provide computers/technology, networks, and Internet access to support the educational mission of the schools and to enhance the curriculum and learning opportunities for students. This initiative seeks to increase consistency in the way computers are used to produce quality work in all curriculum areas.

All students receiving a computer will, with his or her parent or guardian, accept responsibility and liability for the computer's use and condition. The acceptance of this responsibility will be in writing. Students and parents will receive instruction and support in the proper use of the equipment provided.

Use of these computers requires compliance with the rules, procedures, or guidelines governed by this policy and published in the student handbook; also by rules specified by school officials conforming to this policy. Failure to comply will be reason for the loss of use of the computer and networks for a period of time to be determined by the administration. The length of time will be established as part of written guidelines. The guidelines will be reviewed at least annually.

The Board believes that the resources available through the Internet are of significant value in the learning process. 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. Use of computing resources must comply with the rules established by the schools and the owners of other resources.

Use of school computers, technology, networks, and Internet connectivity is a privilege, not a right. Students are responsible for reporting any misuse of the computers, technology, the network, or software; and if found to be purposefully withholding information, could be subject to loss of computer / technology privileges. The building administrator has the authority to determine whether a specific use is acceptable under established policies and procedures. The building administrator may revoke privileges and/or request the return of the computer and accessories at any time. Parents/Guardians and students will be notified of the reason(s) for cancellation of privileges in writing within five school days.

Cross-Reference: IJNDB Student Computer/Technology and Internet Use
 IJNDB-R Student Computer/Technology and Internet Use Rules

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