

STUDENT COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE

MSAD #56 provides computers, networks 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.

Student use of school computers, networks and Internet services is a privilege not a right. Students are required to comply with this policy and the accompanying rules (IJNDB-R). 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 MSAD #56 computers remain under the control, custody and supervision of MSAD #56. MSAD #56 reserves the right to monitor all computer and Internet activity by students. Students have no expectation of privacy in their use of school computers.

While reasonable precautions will be taken to supervise student use of the Internet, MSAD #56 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. MSAD #56 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 and Internet services, the student and the student's parent/guardian must sign and return the Computer/Internet Access Acknowledgment (IJNDB-E). 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 MSAD #56 computer 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 Internet Use
 IJNDB-R, Student Computer and Internet Use Rules

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