

Student Computer and Internet Use

RSU 23 computers, 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 laptops issued directly to students, whether they are used at school or off school premises.

Compliance with RSU 23's policies and rules concerning computer and Internet use is mandatory. Students who violate these policies and rules may have their computer privileges limited, suspended, or revoked. The building principal is authorized to determine, after considering the circumstances involved, whether and for how long a student's computer privileges will be altered. The building principal's decision may be appealed to the Superintendent.

Violations of this policy and RSU 23's computer and Internet rules may also result in disciplinary action, referral to law enforcement, and/or legal action.

RSU 23 computers remain under the control, custody, and supervision of the school unit at all times. The school unit 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 school property or elsewhere.

RSU 23 uses filtering technology designed to block materials that are obscene or harmful to minors, and child pornography. Although RSU 23 takes precautions to supervise student use of the Internet, parents should be aware that the RSU 23 can not reasonably prevent all instances of inappropriate computer and Internet use by students in violation of Board policies and rules, including access to objectionable materials and communication with persons outside of the school. The school unit is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of information that students obtain through the Internet.

In the interest of student safety, RSU 23 also educates students about online behavior, including interacting on social networking sites and chat rooms, and issues surrounding cyberbullying awareness and response.

The Superintendent is responsible for implementing this policy and the accompanying "acceptable use" rules and for documenting student Internet safety training. The Superintendent/designee may implement additional administrative procedures or school rules consistent with Board policy to govern the day-to-day management and operations of the school unit's computer system.

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

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

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

* Pending Development

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