

STUDENT COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE

MSAD #70 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 the resources available through the Internet are of significant value in the learning process and in 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.

Students are not allowed to use privately-owned computers at school. A privately-owned computer brought to school without authorization may be confiscated.

Compliance with the school unit'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 principal 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 MSAD #70 computers remain under the control, custody and supervision of the school unit. The school unit monitors all computer, e-mail, 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.

MSAD #70 utilizes filtering technology designed to block materials that are obscene or harmful to minors, and child pornography. MSAD #70 takes precautions to supervise student use of the Internet and also educates students about appropriate use of the Internet, but parents should be aware that MSAD #70 cannot reasonably prevent all instance of inappropriate computer use by students that may violate Board policies and rules, including access to objectionable material and communication with persons outside of the school.

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 or his/her designee is responsible for implementing this policy and the accompanying rules. Additional administrative procedures or school rules governing the day-to-day management and operations of MSAD #70's computer system may be implemented by the Superintendent, consistent with Board policies and rules.

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

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