

STUDENT ELECTRONIC DEVICE AND INTERNET USE

MSAD #70 provides electronic devices, 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.

Compliance with the District policies and rules concerning electronic device use is mandatory. Students who violate these policies and rules may, after being given an opportunity to respond to an alleged violation, have their electronic device privileges limited, suspended or revoked. The principal shall have the final authority to decide whether a student's electronic device 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 electronic devices remain under the control, custody and supervision of the school unit. The school unit monitors all electronic devices, e-mail, and Internet activity by students. Students have no expectation of privacy in their use of district-owned electronic devices, whether they are used on or off district property.

INTERNET SAFETY

MSAD #70 utilizes filtering technology designed to block materials that are obscene, harmful to minors, or 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 instances of inappropriate electronic device use by students that may violate Board policies and rules, including access to objectionable material and communication with persons outside of the school.

In the interest of Internet Safety, MSAD #70 also educates students about online behavior, including interacting with other people on social networking sites and in chat rooms, the dangers of engaging in "hacking" and other unlawful online activities, and issues surrounding "sexting" and cyberbullying awareness and response.

Before a student is allowed to use district-owned electronic devices and Internet services, the student and the student's parent/guardian must sign and return the Electronic Device/Internet Access Acknowledgment (IJNDB-E). The signed acknowledgment will be retained by the school.

IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY AND "ACCEPTABLE USE" RULES

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 electronic device system may be implemented by the Superintendent, consistent with Board policies and rules.

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.

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

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