

STUDENT COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE AND INTERNET SAFETY

MSAD 55 computers, networks 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, i-pads, tablets and other devices issued directly to students, whether in use at school or off school premises.

Student use of school computers, networks and Internet services is a privilege, not a right. Compliance with MSAD 55 policies and rules concerning computer 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. Such violations may also result in disciplinary action, referral to law enforcement and/or legal action. The building principal's decision shall be final.

MSAD 55 computers remain under the control, custody and supervision of MSAD 55 at all times. MSAD 55 may monitor 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.

INTERNET SAFETY

MSAD 55 utilizes filtering technology designed to block materials that are obscene or harmful to students, and child pornography. MSAD 55 takes precautions to supervise and monitor student use of the Internet, but parents should be aware that MSAD 55 cannot 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. MSAD 55 is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of information that students obtain through the Internet.

In the interest of student Internet safety, MSAD 55 also educates students about online behavior. This includes, but is not limited to: 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.

The Superintendent/designee shall be responsible for integrating age-appropriate Internet safety training and "digital citizenship" into the curriculum and for documentation of Internet safety training.

IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY AND "ACCEPTABLE USE" RULES

The Superintendent/designee shall be responsible for implementation of this policy and the accompanying "acceptable use" rules. The Superintendent/designee may implement additional administrative procedures or school rules consistent with Board policy to govern Internet access and the day-to-day management, security, and operations of MSAD 55's computer and network systems, and to prevent the unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal information regarding minors. The Superintendent may delegate specific responsibilities to others as he/she deems appropriate.

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

Legal Reference: 20 USC § 677 (Enhancing Education through Technology Act)

47 USC § 254(h)(5) (Children’s Internet Protection Act)
47 CFR § 54.52 (Children’s Internet Protection Act Certifications)
Federal Communications Commission Order and Report 11-125, (August 10, 2011)

Cross Reference: IJNDB-R – Student Computer and Internet Use Rules
GCSA – Employee Computer and Internet Use
IJND – School Web Site Policy
JIC – Student Code of Conduct

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