

STUDENT TECHNOLOGY AND INTERNET USE AND INTERNET SAFETY

The MSAD #59 Board of Directors 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. This policy and the accompanying rules also apply to all devices issued directly to students, whether in use at school or off school premises.

Student use of school technology devices, networks and Internet services is a privilege not a right. Compliance with the school unit's policies and rules concerning computer use is mandatory. Students who violate these policies and rules may have their technology privileges revoked and may also be subject to further disciplinary and/or legal action.

All MSAD #59 technology devices remain under the control, custody and supervision of the school unit at all times. The school unit monitors all technology devices and Internet activity by students. Students have no expectation of privacy in their use of school technology.

Internet Safety

MSAD #59 utilizes filtering technology designed to block materials that are obscene or harmful to minors, and child pornography. MSAD #59 takes precautions to supervise student use of the Internet, but parents should be aware that MSAD #59 cannot reasonably prevent all instances of inappropriate computer 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.

Inappropriate Network Usage

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of students using the online computer network when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of direct electronic communications.

Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, prevention of inappropriate network usage includes: (a) unauthorized access, including so-called 'hacking,' and other unlawful activities; and (b) unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.

Education, Supervision and Monitoring

It shall be the responsibility of all members of the MSAD #59 staff to educate, supervise and monitor appropriate usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy, the Children's Internet Protection Act, the Neighborhood Children's

Internet Protection Act, and the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act.

The Superintendent or designated representatives shall be responsible for integrating age-appropriate Internet safety training and “digital citizenship” into the curriculum and for documentation of Internet safety training.

Procedures for the disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of Superintendent or designated representatives.

Before a student is allowed to use Internet services, the student and the student's parent/guardian must annually sign and return the Internet Access Acknowledgment (IJNDB-E). The school will retain the signed acknowledgment.

The Superintendent shall be responsible for overseeing the implementation of this policy and the accompanying rules. The Superintendent may develop additional administrative procedures/rules governing the day-to-day management and operations of policy/rules. The Superintendent may delegate specific responsibilities to building principals and others, as he/she deems appropriate.

Cross-Reference: GCSA-R - Employee Technology Use and Internet Safety Rules
 IJNDB-R - Student Technology Use and Internet Safety Rules

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