

RSU #23 STUDENT USE OF SCHOOL-ISSUED COMPUTERS, DEVICES AND THE INTERNET

RSU #23's computers, network and Internet access are provided to support the educational mission of the schools. This policy and the accompanying rules also apply to other school devices issued directly to students (such as laptops and iPads), whether in use at school or off school premises.

Compliance with the school unit's policies and rules concerning computer/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 privileges limited, suspended or revoked. The building administrator shall have the final authority to decide whether a student's 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.

RSU #23 computers/devices remain under the control, custody and supervision of the school unit at all times. The school unit monitors all computer/device and Internet activity by students. Students have no expectation of privacy in their use of school computers/devices, whether they are used on or off school property.

The RSU #23 utilizes filtering technology designed to block materials that are obscene or harmful to minors, and child pornography. RSU #23 takes precautions to supervise student use of the Internet and electronic communications, and to prevent the unlawful disclosure, use or dissemination of personally identifiable information about students. RSU #23 educates students about safety on the Internet, appropriate online behavior and cyberbullying awareness and response, but parents should be aware that the RSU #23 cannot reasonably prevent all instances of inappropriate computer/device use by students that may violate Board policies and rules, including access to objectionable materials and communications.

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

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 the school unit's computers/devices and network may be implemented by the Superintendent, consistent with Board policies and rules.

Cross Reference: IJNDB-R – Student Computer/Device and Internet Use Rules
JFCK – Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices at School
JICIA – Weapons, Violence and School Safety
JICK – Bullying
GBEB – Staff Conduct with Students
GCSA/GCSA-R – Employee Use of School-Issued Computers,
Devices and the Internet
EGAD/EGAD-R – Copyright Compliance

Legal Reference: 47 USC § 254(h)(5) (Children’s Internet Protection Act)
47 C.F.R. § 54.520

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