

Student Use of Electronic Devices, Network and Internet

Maine School Administrative District #49 provides electronic devices, including 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 that the resources available through the Internet are of significant value in the learning process and preparing students for future success. At the same time, the unregulated availability of information and communication on the Internet require that schools establish reasonable controls for lawful, efficient and appropriate use of this technology.

Student use of school electronic devices, including computers, networks and Internet services is a privilege, not a right. Students are required to comply with this policy and the accompanying rules (IJNDB-R). Students who violate the policy and/or rules may have their computer privileges revoked and may also be subject to further disciplinary and/or legal action.

All Maine School Administrative District #49 electronic devices, including computers remain under the control, custody and supervision of the M.S.A.D. #49. The school unit reserves the right to monitor all computer and Internet activity by students. Students have no expectation of privacy in their use of school electronic devices, including computers.

Maine School Administrative District #49 utilizes filtering technology designed to block materials that are obscene or harmful to minors, and child pornography. While reasonable precautions will be taken to supervise student use of the Internet, Maine School Administrative District #49 cannot reasonably prevent all inappropriate uses, including access to objectionable materials and communication with persons outside of the school in violation of Board policies/procedures and school rules. M.S.A.D. #49 is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of information that students obtain through the Internet.

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

The Superintendent shall be responsible for implementing this policy and the accompanying rules, and for advising the Board of the need for any future amendments or revisions to the policy. The Superintendent may develop additional administrative procedures/rules governing the day-to-day management and operations of the school unit's computer system as long as they are consistent with the Board's policy/rules. The Superintendent may delegate specific responsibilities to Technology Director and others as he/she deems appropriate.

Cross Reference: IJNDB-R – Student Computer and Internet Use Rules
GCSA – Employee Computer and Internet Use
IJND – Distance Learning Program
EGAD – Copyright Compliance
JIC – Student Code of Conduct
JICK - Bullying and Cyberbullying in Schools

Any school unit policy governing electronic devices and computers

Legal Reference: 47 USC § 254(h)(5)(Children's Internet Protection Act)
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