

NEPN/NSBA Code: IJNDB

STUDENT COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE AND CYBER-SAFETY

The school unit provides computers, networks, electronic devices, and Internet access to support the educational mission of the schools and to enhance the curriculum and learning opportunities for students and school staff. Students are allowed to use privately-owned computers and electronic devices at school and on school networks with prior authorization, provided that they comply with this policy and the accompanying rules. 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 requires that schools establish reasonable controls for lawful, efficient, and appropriate use of this technology.

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

All school unit computers remain under the control, custody, and supervision of the school unit. The school unit reserves the right to monitor all student computer, network, and Internet activity. Students have no expectation of privacy in their use of school computers, whether they are used on or off school property.

SAD #4 utilizes filtering technology designed to block materials that are obscene or harmful to minors and child pornography in accordance with CIPA regulations. While reasonable precautions will be taken to supervise student use of the Internet, the school unit 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. The school unit is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of information that students obtain through the Internet.

In the interest of student safety ("cyber safety"), students will receive training on appropriate online behavior. This training will include education on appropriate online behavior, proper interactions with individuals on social networking sites and chatrooms, cyberbullying, and appropriate responses to cyberbullying. All students will receive age appropriate training during their annual computer roll out session. Students will be involved in more in-depth study of digital citizenship and online safety in their computer application courses.

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

The Superintendent shall be responsible for overseeing the implementation of this policy and the accompanying rules and for advising the Board of the need for any future amendments or revisions to the policy/rules. 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 building principals and others as he/she deems appropriate.

Cross Reference:

GCSA GCSA-R - Employee Computer and Internet Use

IJNDB-R - Student Computer and Internet Use Rules

JICIA - Weapons, Violence, and School Safety

GBEBB - Staff Conduct with Students

LGAD,EGAD-R - Copyright Compliance

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WEBSITE RELEASE FORM-MSAD#4

From time to time we take pictures and shoot videos to use in our newsletters and for other school publications and projects. One of the district publications is our website located at www.sad4.org. As part of this website, we want to be able to showcase student work and activities and recognize their achievements.

M.S.A.D. #4 has developed the following content guidelines for the District website in this regard.

A. No personal information, including full name, address, phone number, birth date, social security number, or email address of a student, will be provided on a school website.

B. Photographs of large groups of students may be posted on a school website without parental permission as long as individual students are not singled out or identified in any way (e.g., a school assembly, sporting activity, or music festival).

C. Parental permission must be obtained before photographs of individual children or small groups of children (e.g., class photos) are posted on a school website.

D. Students will be identified by first name only unless we have specific parent permission to use the student's entire name such as when an award is presented or student work is displayed. (Photos and rosters of school groups or teams may include full names and or uniform numbers since this information is regularly published in local newspapers as well.)

Please complete and return the form on the following page to your child's teacher promptly.