

STUDENT DEVICE AND INTERNET USE

Sanford School Department's devices, network and Internet access are provided to support the educational mission of the schools. This policy and the accompanying rules also apply to devices issued directly to students, whether in use at school or off school premises. Students are not allowed to use privately-owned computers / devices at school. A privately- owned computer / device brought to school without authorization may be confiscated.

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

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

The Sanford School Department utilizes filtering technology designed to block materials that are obscene or harmful to minors, and child pornography. Sanford School Department takes precautions to supervise student use of the Internet and also educates students about appropriate use of the Internet, but parents should be aware that the Sanford School Department cannot reasonably prevent all instances of inappropriate computer use by students that may violate School Committee policies and rules, including access to objectionable materials and communication with persons outside of the school.

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.

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 device system may be implemented by the Superintendent, consistent with School Committee policies and rules.

Cross Reference: IJNDB-R - Student Computer and Internet Use Rules
JICIA - Weapons, Violence, Bullying and School Safety
JICK - Bullying
GCSA - Employee Computer and Internet Use

Legal Reference: 47 USC § 254(h)(5) (Children's Internet Protection Act)
P.L. No. 110-385 (Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act)

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