

STUDENT USE OF SCHOOL-ISSUED COMPUTER/DEVICES AND THE INTERNET

RSU 56 computer/device, network, and Internet access are provided 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 other school devices issued directly to students (such as laptops and iPads), whether in use at school or off school premises. ***Students are not allowed to use privately-owned computers/devices at school.***

Compliance with RSU 56's policies and rules concerning computer/device and Internet 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.

Violations of this policy and RSU 56's computer/device and Internet rules may also result in disciplinary action, referral to law enforcement, and/or legal action.

RSU 56 computers/devices remain under the control, custody, and supervision of the school unit at all times. The school unit monitors all computers/devices and Internet activity by students. Students have no expectation of privacy in their use of school computers/devices, whether they are used on school property or elsewhere.

RSU #56 utilizes filtering technology designed to block materials that are obscene or harmful to minors, and child pornography. RSU 56 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 56 educates students about safety on the Internet, appropriate online behavior and cyber bullying awareness and response, but parents should be aware that RSU 56 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.

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.

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

Legal Reference: 47 USC § 254(h)(5) (Children's Internet Protection Act)
P.L. No. 110-385 (Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act)
47 C.F.R. § 54.520

Cross Reference: EGAD/EGAD-R - Copyright Compliance
GCSA/GCSA-R - Employee Computer/device and Internet Use
IJNDB-R - Student Computer/device and Internet Use Rules
IJND – Distance Learning Program
JICIA – Weapons, Violence, Bullying and School Safety
GBEB – Staff Conduct with Students