

Student Computer and Internet Use and Internet Safety

Maine School Administrative District 6's (MSAD 6) computers/devices, network and Internet access are provided to support the educational mission of the schools. This policy and the accompanying rules (IJNDB-R) also apply to laptops/devices issued directly to students, whether in use at school or off school premises

Compliance with MSAD 6'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 computer/device privileges limited, suspended or revoked. The building administrator will have the final authority to decide whether a student's computer/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.

MSAD 6 computers/devices remain under the control, custody and supervision of the district at all times. Technology protection measures are in place and are used for all Internet access. Computer/device and Internet activity by students and adults monitored according to district policy. Students have no expectation of privacy in their use of school computers/devices, whether they are used on or off school property.

MSAD 6 utilizes filtering technology designed to block materials that are obscene or harmful to minors, including pornography. MSAD 6 takes precautions to supervise student use of the Internet and has a plan for the education of minors about appropriate Internet Use, online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyber bullying awareness and response, but parents should be aware that MSAD 6 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 communication with persons outside of the school.

Students and parents will be informed of this policy and the accompanying rules through handbooks, the school website and/or other means selected by the Superintendent. Parents who do not wish for their student to have Internet access will need to notify the principal in writing.

The Superintendent or his/her designee is responsible for implementing this policy and the accompanying procedures. Additional administrative procedures or school rules governing the day-to-day management and operations of MSAD 6's computer system may be implemented by the building administrators or Technology Director, consistent with Board policies and rules.

Cross Reference: EGAD – Copyright Compliance
EGAD - R - Copyright Compliance Rules
GBEB – Staff Conduct with Students
GCSA - Employee Computer and Internet Use
IJNDB-R - Student Computer and Internet Use Rules
JFCK - Student use of Cellular Telephones and Other Electronic Devices
JIC - Student Code of Conduct
JICIA – Weapons, Violence, Bullying and School Safety
JICK – Bullying

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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