

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 18

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STUDENT COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE

RSU No. 18's computers, networks 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 laptops issued directly to students, whether in use at school or off school premises. Students are not allowed to utilize their privately-owned computers at school.

Student use of computers, networks and Internet services is a privilege, not a right. Compliance with the School Unit's policies and rules concerning computer use is mandatory. Students who violate these policies and rules will be subject to disciplinary and/or legal action and may have their computer privileges limited, suspended or revoked. Such violations may also result in disciplinary action, referral to law enforcement and/or legal action.

RSU No. 18 computers remain under the control, custody and supervision of the School Unit at all times. The School Unit monitors computer and Internet activity by students. Students have no expectation of privacy in their use of school computers.

RSU No. 18 utilizes filtering technology designed to block materials that are obscene or harmful to minors, and child pornography. RSU No. 18 takes precautions to supervise student use of the Internet, but parents should be aware that RSU No. 18 cannot reasonably prevent all instances of inappropriate computer use by students in violation of Board policies and rules, including access to objectionable materials and communication with persons outside of the school. The School Unit 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.

The Superintendent 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 computer system may be implemented, consistent with Board policies and rules. The Superintendent may delegate specific responsibilities to the Technology Coordinator and others as he/she deems appropriate.

Cross References: IJNDB-R – Student Computer and Internet Use Rules
GCSA – Employee Computer and Internet Use
IJND – Distance Learning Program
EGAD – Copyright Compliance
JIC – System-wide Student Code of Conduct
JFCK – Student Use of Cellular Telephones and Other Electronic Devices

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

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