

MESSALONSKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT (MSAD 47)

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STUDENT COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE

Maine School Administrative District 47 (referred to as Messalonskee School District) provides computers, networks and Internet access to support the educational mission of the schools and to enhance the curriculum and learning opportunities for students and school staff. The Board of Directors 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 (*IJNDB-R*). Students who violate the policy or rules may have their computer privileges revoked and may also be subject to further disciplinary and/or legal action.

All Messalonskee School District (MSAD 47) computers remain under the control, custody and supervision of the school district. Messalonskee School District (MSAD 47) reserves the right to monitor all computer and Internet activity by students. Students have no expectation of privacy in their use of school computers.

While reasonable precautions will be taken to supervise student use of the Internet, Messalonskee School District (MSAD 47) cannot reasonably prevent all inappropriate uses, including access to objectionable materials and communication with persons outside of the school, in violation of Board policies or procedures and school rules. The Board believes that when technology exists to aid in the prevention of inappropriate use and when it can be reasonably deployed, it should be used where appropriate (i.e. Internet site blocking software or services at the elementary schools or use of secure operating systems and software whenever possible). Messalonskee School District (MSAD 47) is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of information that students obtain through the Internet.

In accordance with Maine statute 20-A M.R.S. § 6001, “Dissemination of information”, Messalonskee School District (MSAD 47) will not publish on the Internet or provide for publication on the Internet any personal information about its students without first obtaining the written approval of those students' parents. (within the statute, “personal information” means information that identifies a student, including, but not limited to, the student's full name, photograph, personal biography, e-mail address, home address, date of birth, social security number and parents' names.)

Students and the student's parent or guardian will be provided with a copy of policy IJNDB - Student Computer/Internet Use and IJNDB-R—Student Computer and Internet Use Rules. Where student handbooks are provided, the policies will be included in the handbook.

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 and rules. The Superintendent may develop additional administrative procedures and rules governing the day-to-day management and operations of the school district's computer system as long as they are consistent with the Board's policy and rules. The Superintendent may delegate specific responsibilities to building principals and others, as he/she deems appropriate.

*Cross Reference: GCSA - Employee Computer and Internet Use
IJNDB-R - Student Computer and Internet Use Rules*

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