

STUDENT COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE

Region Two computers, network and Internet access are provided to support the educational mission of the school and to enhance the curriculum and learning opportunities for students and staff. This policy and the accompanying rules also apply to laptops issued directly to students, whether they are used at school or off school premises.

Compliance with Region Two's policies and rules concerning computer and Internet use is mandatory. Students who violate these policies and rules may have their computer privileges limited, suspended or revoked. The Director is authorized to determine, after considering the circumstances involved, whether and for how long a student's computer privileges will be altered. The Director's decision shall be final.

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

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

Region Two uses filtering technology to block materials that are obscene or harmful to minors, and child pornography. Although Region Two takes precautions to supervise student use of the Internet, parents should be aware that Region Two cannot reasonably prevent all instances of inappropriate computer and Internet use by students in violation of Board policies and rules, including access to objectionable materials and communication with persons outside of the school. Region Two is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of information that students obtain through the Internet.

In the interest of student safety, Region Two also educates students about online behavior, including interacting on social networking sites and chat rooms, and issues surrounding cyberbullying awareness and response.

The Director is responsible for implementing this policy and accompanying "acceptable use" rules and for documenting student Internet safety training. The Director/designee may implement additional administrative procedures or Region Two rules consistent with Board policy to govern the day-to-day management and operations of Region Two's computer systems.

Students and parents shall be informed of this policy and the accompanying rules through student handbooks, Region Two's website and/or other means selected by the Director.

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

Cross Reference: EGAD - Copyright Compliance
IJNDB-R - Student Computer and Internet Use Rules

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