

Policy IJNDB - Student Computer and Internet Use

The West Bath School Administrative Unit's (WBSAU) 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 school staff.

Student use of school 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 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.

The WBSAU computers remain under the control, custody, and supervision of the school unit at all times. Technology protection measures are in place and are used for all Internet access. It is the WBSAU policy to periodically monitor Internet usage by students and staff. WBSAU reserves the right to further investigate questionable behavior related to technology use. Students should have no expectation of privacy in their use of school computers, school email accounts, other school sponsored accounts, and the use of personal computing devices on school networks.

The WBSAU utilizes filtering technology designed to block materials that are obscene, harmful to minors, or child pornography. WBSAU utilizes precautions to supervise student use of the Internet; however parents should be aware that WBSAU 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.

The WBSAU will educate minors about "appropriate online behavior", including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and cyberbullying awareness and response.

Students and parents shall be informed of this policy and the accompanying rules through handbooks, the school website, 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 others as deemed appropriate.

Legal Reference:

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

Cross Reference:

EGAD - Copyright Compliance
GCSA - Employee Computer and Internet Use
IJNDA - Web Use
IJNDB - Student Computer and Internet Use
IJNDB-R - Student Computer and Internet Use Rules
IJDNB-E(1) - Internet Network Access Agreement - Students
IJDNB-E(2) - Internet Network Access Agreement - Parents/Guardians

IJNDC-E - Agreement to Publish Student Information on School Department Websites
IJNCD-E(2) - Parent/Guardian Agreement Form to Publish Student Information on School
Department Websites

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