

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 33

EMPLOYEE/VOLUNTEER COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE

MSAD No. 33 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 believes that the resources available through the Internet are of significant value in the learning process and in preparing students for future success. At the same time, the unregulated availability of information and communication on the Internet requires that schools establish reasonable control 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 and/or rules may have their computer privileges revoked and many also be subject to further disciplinary and/or legal action as deemed necessary by the building principal.

All MSAD No. 33 computers remain under the control, custody and supervision of the school district. The school district reserves the right to monitor all computer and Internet activity by students. Students have no expectation of privacy in their use of school computers.

MSAD No. 33 has taken some precautions to restrict access to inappropriate information and reasonable precaution will be taken to supervise student use of the Internet. However, MSAD No. 33 cannot reasonably prevent all inappropriate uses, including access to objectionable materials and undesirable communication with persons outside of the school. The school district is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of information that students obtain through the Internet.

Before a student is allowed to use school computers and Internet services, the student and the student's parent/guardian must sign and return the Computer/Internet Access Acknowledgment Form (IJNDB-E). The signed acknowledgment form will be retained by the school.

Before Internet access is granted, all students must attend a presentation on the aspects of security and ethics involved in using the network.

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/rules. The Superintendent may develop additional administrative procedures/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/rules. The Superintendent may delegate specific responsibilities to building principals and others as he/she deems appropriate.

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

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