

EMPLOYEE COMPUTER, INTERNET AND ELECTRONIC DEVICE USE AND CYBER SAFETY

The school district's computers, networks, electronic devices 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 computers issued directly to staff, whether in use at school or off school premises.

School unit computers, network, electronic devices and Internet services are provided for purposes related to school programs and operations, and performance of their job responsibilities. Incidental personal use of school computers is permitted as long as such use: (1) does not interfere with the employee's job responsibilities and performance; (2) does not interfere with system operations or other system users; and (3) does not violate this policy and the accompanying rules, or any other Board policy, procedure or school rules. "Incidental personal use" is defined as use by an individual employee for occasional personal communications only.

Compliance with the school unit's policies and rules concerning electronic and computer use is mandatory. An employee who violates this policy and/or any rules governing use of the school unit's computers shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination. Illegal uses of the school unit's computers will also result in referral to law enforcement.

The school district's computers and other electronic devices remain under the control, custody, and supervision of the school unit at all times. The school unit reserves the right to monitor all computer electronic device and Internet activity by employees. Employees have no expectation of privacy in their use of school computers.

Employees shall be informed of this policy and the accompanying rules through handbooks, the school website, distribution of policy and/or other means selected by the Superintendent.

The Superintendent/designee 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 computers, electronic devices and systems may be implemented, consistent with Board policies and rules. The Superintendent may delegate specific responsibilities to the Technology Coordinator/Administrator and others as deemed appropriate.

CYBER SAFETY

The Millinocket School Department uses filtering technology designed to block materials that are obscene or harmful to minors and child pornography. Although the Millinocket School Department takes precautions it cannot reasonably prevent all instances of

inappropriate computer and internet use in violation of Board policies and rules, including access to objectionable materials and communication with persons outside of the school. The Millinocket School Department is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of information that students obtain through the internet.

In the interest of individual safety (“cyber safety”), The Millinocket School Department also educates students and staff about on-line behavior, including interacting on social networking sites and chat rooms, and issues surrounding cyberbullying awareness and response.

The Superintendent is responsible for implementing this policy and accompanying “acceptable use” rules and for documenting staff internet safety training. The Superintendent/designee may implement additional administrative procedures or school rules consistent with Board policy to govern the day to day management and operations of the school’s computer system.

Staff shall be informed of this policy yearly by means selected by the Superintendent.

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

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