

Student Digital Device and Internet Use

RSU 40's computers, network, and Internet services are provided to support the educational mission of the schools. This policy and the accompanying rules also apply to other school devices issued directly to students (such as laptops and iPads), whether in use at school or off school premises.

Compliance with RSU 40's policies and rules concerning computer/device, network, and Internet services use is mandatory. Students who violate these policies and rules may, after being given an opportunity to respond to an alleged violation, have their privileges limited, suspended or revoked. The building administrator will have the final authority to decide whether a student's privileges will be altered, based on the circumstances of the particular case. Such violations may also result in disciplinary action, referral to law enforcement and/or legal action.

RSU 40's computers/devices, network, and Internet services remain under the control, custody and supervision of RSU 40 at all times. RSU 40 monitors all computer/device and Internet activity by students. Students have no expectation of privacy in their use of school computers/devices, networks, and Internet services, whether they are used on or off school property.

RSU 40 utilizes filtering technology designed to block materials that are obscene or harmful to minors, including child pornography. RSU 40 takes precautions to supervise student use of the Internet and electronic communications and to prevent the unlawful disclosure, use or dissemination of personally identifiable information about students. RSU 40 educates students about safety on the Internet, appropriate online behavior and cyberbullying awareness and response, but parents should be aware that RSU 40 cannot prevent all instances of inappropriate computer/device use by students that may violate Board policies and rules, including access to objectionable materials and communications.

Students and parents will be informed of this policy and the accompanying rules through handbooks and/or other means selected by the Superintendent.

The Superintendent/designee is responsible for implementing this policy and the accompanying procedure. Additional administrative procedures or school procedures governing the day-to-day management and operations of RSU 40's computers/devices and network may be implemented by the Superintendent, consistent with Board policies and rules.

Cross Reference: IJNDB-R – Student Computer/Digital Device and Internet Use Procedure
JICIA – Weapons, Violence and School Safety
JICK/JICK-R – Bullying & Cyberbullying in Schools/Procedure
GBEB – Staff Conduct with Students
EGAD/EGAD-R – Copyright Compliance/Procedure

Legal Reference: 47 USC §254(h)(5) (Children’s Internet Protection Act)
47 C.F.R. §54.520

This is a required policy.

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