

Student Computer and Internet Use

NEPN/NSBA Code: IJNDB

Monhegan School computers, network, 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 laptops issued directly to students, whether in use at school or off school premises.

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.

Monhegan School computers remain under the control, custody, and supervision of the school unit at all times. The school unit monitors all computer and Internet activity by students. Students have no expectation of privacy in their use of school computers.

Monhegan School utilizes filtering technology designed to block materials that are obscene or harmful to minors, and child pornography. Monhegan School takes precautions to supervise student use of the Internet, but parents should be aware that the Monhegan School cannot reasonably prevent all instances of inappropriate computer use by students in violation of school committee 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.

Monhegan School shall 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 the student handbook 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 school committee policies and rules. The Superintendent may delegate specific responsibilities to the Teacher and others as he/she deems appropriate.

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

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

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