

Section I: Instruction

IJNDB Student Computer and Internet Use and Safety

Mid-Coast School of Technology provides computers, network and Internet access to support the educational mission of the school. This policy and the accompanying rules also apply to laptops and desktop computers and/or other emerging technologies issued directly to students, whether in use at school or off school premises. MCST defines "computer" to mean any electronic computing device including but not limited to a laptop, desktop, smart phone, portable game station, game console, etc.

Student access to computing devices and school networks will be provided when necessary, therefore, students are not allowed to use privately-owned computers at school unless authorized and defined in an IEP, for medical reasons or directed to do so by an administrator or the computer systems manager. A privately-owned computing device brought to school without authorization may be confiscated.

Compliance with the school unit's policies and rules concerning computer use is mandatory. Students who violate these policies and rules may, after being given an opportunity to respond to an alleged violation, have their computer privileges limited, suspended or revoked. The Director shall have the final authority to decide whether a student's computer 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.

MCST 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, whether they are used on or off school property. This policy and the related rules (IJNDB-R) apply to district computer use by students while on or off school grounds.

The Mid-Coast School of Technology utilizes filtering technology designed to block materials that are deemed obscene or harmful to minors, and child pornography. MCST takes precautions to supervise student use of the Internet and also educates students about appropriate use of the Internet, but parents should be aware that MCST cannot reasonably prevent all instances of inappropriate computer use by students that may violate Board policies and rules, including access to objectionable materials and communication with persons outside of the school.

Students and parents shall be informed of this policy and the accompanying rules through the student handbook and other means selected by the Director.

The Director or his/her 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 computer system may be implemented by the Director, consistent with Board policies and rules.

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

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