

Section I: Instruction

IJNDB Student Digital Devices and Internet Use and Safety

Region 8 provides digital devices, printer, 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. Region 8 defines "digital device" to mean any electronic digital device including but not limited to a laptop, desktop, printer, smart phone, tablet, portable game station, and game console.

Student access to digital devices and school networks will be provided when necessary, therefore, students are not allowed to use privately-owned digital devices 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 digital device brought to school without authorization may be confiscated.

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

Region 8 digital devices remain under the control, custody and supervision of the school at all times. The school monitors all digital device and internet activity by students. Students have no expectation of privacy in their use of school digital devices, whether they are used on or off school property. This policy and the related rules (IJNDB-R) apply to digital device use by students while on or off school grounds.

Region 8 utilizes filtering technology designed to block materials that are deemed obscene or harmful to minors, and child pornography. Region 8 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 Region 8 cannot reasonably prevent all instances of inappropriate digital device 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 digital device system may be implemented by the Director, consistent with Board policies and rules.

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

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