

STUDENT TECHNOLOGY AND INTERNET USE AND CYBER SAFETY

Wells-Ogunquit Community School District's tablets, 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 tablets or laptops issued directly to students, whether in use at school or off school premises.

Students are allowed to use privately owned technology at school with prior authorization, provided that they comply with this policy and the accompanying rules.

Compliance with the school unit's policies and rules concerning technology and Internet 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 building administrator shall have the final authority to decide whether a student's technology and Internet 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.

Wells-Ogunquit CSD's technology remain under the control, custody and supervision of the school unit at all times. The school unit monitors all technology and Internet activity by students. Students have no expectation of privacy in their use of school technology, whether they are used on or off school property.

"CYBER SAFETY"

The Wells-Ogunquit CSD utilizes filtering technology designed to block materials that are obscene or harmful to minors, and child pornography. Wells-Ogunquit CSD 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 the Wells-Ogunquit CSD cannot reasonably prevent all instances of inappropriate technology and Internet use by students that may violate School Committee policies and rules, including access to objectionable materials and communication with persons outside of the school. The district is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of information that students obtain through the Internet.

In the interest of student safety ("cyber safety"), WOCSD also educates students about online behavior, including interacting on social networking sites and chat rooms, the dangers of hacking, and issues surrounding "sexting" and cyberbullying awareness and response.

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

The Superintendent 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, security and operations of the district's technology system may be implemented by the Superintendent, consistent with School Committee policies and rules.

Cross Reference: IJNDB-R – Student Technology and Internet Use Rules
JICIA – Weapons, Violence, Bullying and School Safety
GBEB – Staff Conduct with Students
GCSA – Employee Technology and Internet Use
EGAD – Copyright Compliance

Legal Reference: 47 USC § 254(h)(5) (Children’s Internet Protection Act)
P.L. No. 110-385 (Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act)

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