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Cape Elizabeth School District's 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. <mark>Students are allowed to use privately-owned computers at school with prior authorization, provided that they comply with this policy and the accompanying rules</mark>.

~~Student use of school computers, networks and Internet services is a privilege, not a right.~~

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

Cape Elizabeth School District's 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, <mark>whether they are used on or off school property</mark>.

The Cape Elizabeth School District utilizes filtering technology designed to block materials that are obscene or harmful to minors, and child pornography. Cape Elizabeth School District takes precautions to supervise student use of the Internet <mark>and also educates students about appropriate use of the Internet</mark>, but parents should be aware that the Cape Elizabeth School District 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. ~~The school unit is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of information that students obtain through the Internet.~~

Students and parents shall be informed of this policy and the accompanying rules through handbooks, the school web site, <mark>login computer screens</mark> 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 and operations of the school unit's computer system may be implemented by the Superintendent, consistent with Board policies and rules. <mark>The</mark>

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<mark>Superintendent may delegate specific responsibilities to the Technology Coordinator, building principals and others, as he/she deems appropriate</mark>.

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

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

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