

STUDENT COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE

As used herein, the terms “computers” and “computer” refer to any desktop, laptop, or other mobile device woned by the Cape Elizabeth School District, whether kept at school or issued to students for school and/or home use. It also refers to the School District’s servers or wireless Internet connection systems used to access school or web-based information systems.

Cape Elizabeth School District’s [hereinafter the “school” or “school district”] as well as school provided servers, networks and/or Internet services [hereinafter the “school computer services”] are provided to support the educational mission of the schools. This policy and the accompanying rules also apply to laptops or other computing devices issued directly to students, whether in use at school or off school premises. Students are allowed to use privately-owned computers at school with prior authorization, provided that they comply with this polcy and the related rules and policies.

Compliance with the Cape Elizabeth School’s policies and rules concerning computer use of school computers and school computer services are 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 school computer and/or school computer services prifleges will be altered, based on the circumstances of the particular case. Such violations may also result in disciplinary action, referral to law enforcements and/or legal action. Cape Elizabeth School District’s computers remain under the control, custody and supervision of the school district at all times. The school district shall have the right to monitor, review and have access to all school computers and the use of school computer services by students. Students have no expectation of privacy in their use of school computers and/or school computer services, whether they are used on or off school property.

The Cape Elizabeth School District utilizes filtering technology designed to block materials that are obscene or harmful to minors, and child pornography. The Cape Elizabeth School District’s mobile device initiative at the high school provides access to web-based “app stores” that are privately filtered. Cape Elizabeth School District takes precautions to serpervise student use of the Internet and also educates students about appropriate use of the Internet, but parents should be aware that the Cape Elizabeth School District cannot reasonably prevent all instances of inappropriate computer use by all students that may violate Board policies and rules, including access to objectionable materials and communication with persons outside of the school.

Student and parents shall be informed of the policy and the accompanying rules through handbooks, the school web site, login computer screens and/or other means selected by the Superintendent.

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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 operation of the school district's computer system may be implemented by the Superintendent, consistent with Board policies and rules. The Superintendent may delegate specific responsibilities to the Technology Coordinator, building principals and others, as he/she deems appropriate.

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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