

RSU 16 (Mechanic Falls, Minot, Poland)<sup>msm</sup>✓

Policy Code: IJNDB Adopted: August 2010

Revised: ~~June 2012~~ — ~~October 2013~~ — ~~May 2021~~ Student Technology Devices & Internet Use

RSU 16's technology devices, network and Internet access are provided to support the educational mission of the schools. This policy and the accompanying rules also apply **to any and all devices** issued directly to students, whether in use at school or off school premises. Students are not allowed to use privately-owned devices, including, but not limited to computers, chromebooks, iPads or other tablets on the school network during the school day. A privately-owned device brought to school without authorization may be confiscated and held in the office.

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

RSU 16's technology devices remain under the control, custody and supervision of the school unit at all times. The school unit monitors all technology devices and Internet activity by students. Students have no expectation of privacy in their use of school technology devices, whether they are used on or off school property.

RSU 16 utilizes filtering technology designed to block materials that are obscene or harmful to minors, and child pornography. RSU 16 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 RSU 16 cannot reasonably prevent all instances of inappropriate technology 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 a variety of ways including** handbooks, parent meetings, the school web site and/or other means selected by the Superintendent and acknowledge with their signature that they have received this information.

***In the interest of student Internet safety, RSU 16 also educates students about online behavior, including interacting with other people on social networking sites and in chat rooms, the dangers of engaging in "hacking" and other unlawful online activities, and issues surrounding "sexting" and cyber bullying awareness and response.***

***The Superintendent/designee shall be responsible for integrating age-appropriate Internet Safety training and "digital citizenship" into the curriculum and for documentation of Internet safety training.***

The Superintendent or 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 technology system may be implemented by the Superintendent, consistent with Board policies and rules.

**Legal Reference:**

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

**Cross Reference:**

IJNDB-C Guidelines for Care & Use of School Issued Technology Devices

IJNDB-C1 Student/Parent Signature Form

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