

SECOND and FINAL READING
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SECTION E., ARTICLE #24 – STUDENT COMPUTER and INTERNET USE

School Administrative District 44 provides computers, networks and Internet access to support the educational mission of the schools and to enhance the curriculum and learning opportunities for students and school staff. The Board believes that the resources available through the Internet are of significant value in the learning process and preparing students for future success. At the same time, the unregulated availability of information and communication on the Internet require that schools establish reasonable controls for lawful, efficient and appropriate use of this technology.

Student use of school computers, networks and Internet services is a privilege, not a right. Students are required to comply with this policy and the accompanying rules. Students who violate the policy and/or rules may have their computer privileges revoked and may also be subject to further disciplinary and/or legal action.

All School Administrative District 44 computers remain under the control, custody and supervision of the school unit. The school unit reserves the right to monitor all computer and Internet activity by students. Students have no expectation of privacy in their use of school computers.

While reasonable precautions will be taken to supervise student use of the Internet, School Administrative District 44 cannot reasonably prevent all inappropriate uses, including access to objectionable materials and communication with persons outside of the school in violation of Board policies/procedures and school rules. The school unit is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of information that students obtain through the Internet.

Before a student is allowed to use school computers and Internet services, the student and the student's parent/guardian must sign and return the Computer/Internet Access Acknowledgment. The signed acknowledgment will be retained by the school.

The Superintendent shall be responsible for overseeing the implementation of this policy and the accompanying rules, and for advising the Board of the need for any future amendments or revisions to the policy. The Superintendent may develop additional administrative procedures/rules governing the day-to-day management and operations of the school unit's computer system as long as they are consistent with the Board's policy. The Superintendent may delegate specific responsibilities to building principals and others as he/she deems appropriate.

STUDENT COMPUTER and INTERNET USE RULES (cont.)

1. Non School-Related Uses - Using the school unit's computers, networks and Internet services for non school-related purposes such as financial gain, commercial, advertising or solicitation purposes, or for any non-authorized personal use;
2. Misuse of Passwords/Unauthorized Access - Sharing passwords, using other users' passwords without permission and/or accessing other users' accounts;

3. Malicious Use/Vandalism - Any malicious use, disruption or harm to the school unit's computers, networks and Internet services, including but not limited to hacking activities and creation/uploading of computer viruses;
4. Unauthorized Access to Chat Rooms/News Groups - Accessing chat rooms or news groups without specific authorization from the supervising teacher.

D. No Expectation of Privacy

The school unit retains control, custody and supervision of all computers, networks and Internet services owned or leased by the school unit. The school unit reserves the right to monitor all computer and internet activity by students. Students have no expectation of privacy in their use of school computers, including e-mail and stored files.

E. Compensation for Losses, Costs and/or Damages

The student and/or the student's parent/guardian shall be responsible for compensating the school unit for any losses, costs or damages incurred by the school unit related to violations of the Student Computer and Internet Use policy and/or these rules, including investigation of violations.

F. School Unit Assumes No Responsibility for Unauthorized Charges, Costs or Illegal Use

The school unit assumes no responsibility for any unauthorized charges made by students, including but not limited to credit card charges, long distance telephone charges, equipment and line costs, or for any illegal use of its computers such as copyright violations.

G. Student Security

A student shall not reveal his/her full name, address or telephone number on the Internet without prior permission from a supervising teacher. Students should never meet people they have contacted through the Internet without parental permission. Students should inform their supervising teacher if they access information or messages that are dangerous, inappropriate or make them uncomfortable in any way.

H. System Security

The security of the school unit's computers, networks and Internet services is a high priority. Any user who identifies a security problem must notify the system administrator.

The user shall not demonstrate the problem to others. Any user who attempts or causes a breach of system security shall have his/her privileges revoked and may be subject to additional disciplinary and/or legal action.

I. Parental Acknowledgment Required

Students and their parent/guardian are required to sign and return the Computer/Internet Access Acknowledgment Form before being allowed to use school computers.

Summer Adventure Program
PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT FORM TO PUBLISH STUDENT
INFORMATION ON THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT 44 WEB SITES
AND/OR MAHOOSUC KIDS ASSOCIATION WEB SITE

Name of Student _____ Age _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

I understand and agree that my child's name may appear on the MSAD#44 and/or Mahoosuc Kids Association web sites. I further understand and agree that photographs of my child and/or examples of my child's work may be used on the web site.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

MSAD#44/MAHOOSUS KIDS ASSOCIATION SUMMER ADVENTURE PROGRAM
STUDENT COMPUTER/INTERNET USE ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

No student shall be allowed to use school/MKA computers or the Internet until the student and parent/guardian have signed and returned this acknowledgment to the school.

Student

I have read the SAD 44 policy, Section E., Article #24 - Student Computer and Internet Use and Student Computer and Internet Use Rules and agree to comply with them.

Signature of Student

Date

Parent/Guardian

I have read the SAD 44 policy, Section E., Article #24 - Student Computer and Internet Use and Student Computer and Internet Use Rules and understand that my son/daughter's use of school computers is subject to compliance with these rules.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date