

STUDENT COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE RULES

These rules provide general guidelines and examples of prohibited uses for illustrative purposes, but do not attempt to state all required or prohibited activities by users.

Failure to comply with these rules and/or other established procedures or rules governing computer use may result in disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion. Illegal uses of the school's computers will also result in referral to law enforcement authorities. The principal shall have final authority to decide whether a student's privileges will be denied or revoked.

Islesboro Central School utilizes filtering technology designed to block materials that are obscene or harmful to minors, and child pornography. While reasonable precautions will be taken to supervise student use of the Internet, Islesboro Central School cannot reasonably prevent all inappropriate uses, including access to objectionable materials and communication with persons outside of the school in violation of School Committee policies/procedures and school rules. The school is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of information that students obtain through the Internet.

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

Acceptable Use

1. Student access to the school computers, networks and Internet services is provided for administrative, educational, communication and research purposes consistent with the school's educational mission, curriculum and instructional goals.
2. The same rules and expectations govern student use of computers as apply to other student conduct and communications.
3. Students are further expected to comply with these rules and all specific instructions from the teacher or other supervising staff member/volunteer when accessing the school's computers, networks and Internet services.
4. The student is responsible for his/her actions and activities involving school computers, networks and Internet services, and for his/her computer files, passwords and accounts.

Prohibited Use

1. Students will not use school computers to send or receive email that is not directly related to a class assignment and authorized by a teacher;
2. Using the school's computers, networks and Internet services for non-school-related purposes such as playing games, listening to and/or downloading music or other personal uses;
3. Downloading or loading software or applications without permission from the system administrator. Unauthorized copying of software is illegal and may subject the copier to substantial civil and criminal penalties.
4. Accessing, submitting, posting, publishing, forwarding, downloading, scanning or displaying materials that are defamatory, abusive, vulgar, sexually explicit, sexually suggestive, threatening, discriminatory, harassing and/or illegal;
5. Copying or downloading copyrighted materials without the owner's permissions;
6. Plagiarism – Representing as one's own work any materials obtained on the Internet (such as terms papers, articles, etc.) When Internet sources are used in student work, the author, publisher and web site must be identified.
7. Any malicious use or disruption of the school unit's computers, networks and Internet services or breach of security features;
8. Any misuse or damage to the school's computer equipment;
9. Failing to report a known breach of computer security to the system administrator;
10. Any attempt to delete, erase or otherwise conceal any information stored on a school computer that violates these rules.
11. The school retains control, custody and supervision of all computers, networks and Internet services owned or leased by the school. The school 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 messages and stored files.

12. Student/Parent Acknowledgement

13. Each student and parent of a student authorized to access the school's computers, networks and Internet services is required to sign an acknowledgement stating that they have read the policy and rules.

Cross Reference: IJNDB – Student Computer and Internet Use
GCSA – Employee Computer and Internet Use
GCSA-R – Employee Computer and Internet Use Rules

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