

RSU #16 (Mechanic Falls, Minot, Poland)

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STUDENT COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE

Regional School Unit 16's computers, network and Internet access are provided to support the educational mission of the schools. This policy and the accompanying rules also apply to laptops issued directly to students, whether in use at school or off school premises. Students are not allowed to use privately-owned computers on the school network during the school day. A privately-owned computer brought to school without authorization may be confiscated.

Compliance with the school unit's policies and rules concerning computer use is 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 computer privileges will be altered, based on the circumstances of the particular case. Such violations may also result in disciplinary action, referral to law enforcement and/or legal action.

Regional School Unit 16's computers remain under the control, custody and supervision of the school unit at all times. The school unit may monitor all computer and Internet activity by students. Students have no expectation of privacy in their use of school computers, whether they are used on or off school property.

Regional School Unit 16 utilizes filtering technology designed to block materials that are obscene or harmful to minors, and child pornography. Regional School Unit 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 Regional School Unit 16 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.

Students and parents shall be informed of this policy and the accompanying rules through 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.

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.

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

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

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