

STUDENT ~~COMPUTER~~ PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICE AND INTERNET USE AND “CYBER SAFETY”

Augusta School Department ~~computers~~ **personal digital devices**, network, and Internet access are provided to support the educational mission of the schools and to enhance the curriculum and learning opportunities for students and school staff. This policy and the accompanying rules also apply to ~~laptops~~ **personal digital devices** issued directly to students, whether they are used at school or off school premises.

Compliance with Augusta School Department’s policies and rules concerning ~~computer~~ **personal digital device** and Internet use is mandatory. Students who violate these policies and rules may have their ~~computer~~ **personal digital device** privileges limited, suspended, or revoked. The building principal is authorized to determine, after considering the circumstances involved, whether and for how long a student’s ~~computer~~ **personal digital device** privileges will be altered. The building principal’s decision shall be final or may be appealed to the Superintendent.

Violations of this policy and Augusta School Department’s ~~computer~~ **personal digital device** and Internet rules may also result in disciplinary action, referral to law enforcement, and/or legal action.

Augusta School Department ~~computers~~ **personal digital devices** remain under the control, custody, and supervision of the school unit at all times. The school unit monitors all ~~computer~~ **personal digital device** and Internet activity by students. Students have no expectation of privacy in their use of school ~~computers~~ **personal digital devices**, whether they are used on school property or elsewhere.

~~CYBER~~INTERNET SAFETY”

Augusta School Department uses filtering technology designed to block materials that are obscene or harmful to minors, and child pornography. Although **the** Augusta School Department takes precautions to supervise student use of the Internet, parents should be aware that the Augusta School Department cannot reasonably prevent all instances of inappropriate ~~computer~~ **personal digital device** and Internet use by students in violation of 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.

In the interest of student ~~safety~~ (“~~cyber~~ **internet** safety”), Augusta School Department also educates ~~students~~ or students and parents 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 cyberbullying awareness and response. The Superintendent shall be responsible for integrating ~~cyber~~ **Internet** safety training **including cyber safety training** and “digital citizenship” into the curriculum and for documenting Internet safety training.

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IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY AND “ACCEPTABLE USE” RULES

The Superintendent/~~designee~~ shall be responsible for implementing this policy and the accompanying “acceptable use” rules. The Superintendent/designee may implement additional administrative procedures or school rules consistent with Board policy to govern the day-to-day management and operations of the school unit’s ~~computer~~ **personal digital device** system **and to prevent the unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal information regarding minors.**

Students and parents shall be informed of this policy and the accompanying rules through student handbooks, the school website, and/or other means selected by the Superintendent.

Legal Reference: 20 USC § 677 (Enhancing Education through Technology Act)
47 USC § 254(h)(5) (Children’s Internet Protection Act)
47 CFR § 54.52 **Children’s Internet Protection Act Certifications)**
Federal Communications Commission Order and Report 11-125
(August 10, 2011)

Cross Reference: EGAD - Copyright Compliance
GCSA - Employee Computer and Internet Use
IJNDB-R - Student ~~Computer~~ Personal Digital Device
and Internet Use Rules
IJND – Distance Learning Program

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