

STUDENT COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE

The Wells-Ogunquit Community School District 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 School Committee 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 requires 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 (IJNDB-R). 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 Wells-Ogunquit Community School District computers remain under the control, custody and supervision of the District. The District 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, the District 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 District is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of information that students obtain through the Internet.

Before a student is allowed to use the school computers and Internet services, the student and the student's parent/guardian must sign and return the Computer/Internet Access Acknowledgement (IJNDB-E). The school will retain the signed acknowledgement. Students and parents shall be informed of this policy/procedure on an annual basis through handbooks and/or other means selected by the Superintendent.

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

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IJNDB-E

Student Computer/Internet Use Acknowledgement Form

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

Student:

I have read policy IJNDB – Student Computer/Internet Use and IJNDB-R Student Computer/Internet Use Rules and agree to comply with them.

Signature of Student

Date

Parent/Guardian:

I have read policy IJNDB – Student Computer/Internet Use and IJNDB-R Student Computer/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