

STUDENT *INTERNET AND APPROPRIATE USE

The Biddeford School Committee, hereinafter referred to as the “School Committee,” believes that the use of the Internet in instructional programs is an educational tool which facilitates communication, innovation, resource sharing and access to information. Due to the complex nature of accessible networks and magnitude of potential information available to students utilizing the Internet, this School Committee believes strict guidelines in the form of administrative regulations are warranted in order to reduce or limit potential negative effects.*

Students utilizing the Internet shall comply with this School Committee’s rules or administrative regulations regarding Internet use. This School Committee, via its computer coordinator and teachers, reserves the right to monitor all computer and Internet activity by students. Privacy is not guaranteed.

In addition, use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right. As such, students violating this School Committee’s policy/administrative regulation shall be subject to revocation of privileges and potential disciplinary and/or appropriate legal action.

Students shall be required to sign an acknowledgment that they have read and understand the Internet Network Access Agreement and understand the consequences for violations of this policy and the access agreement.

*Caveat: The global and fluid nature of the Internet network’s contents makes it impossible for this School Committee to completely regulate and monitor the information available to students. Although students will be under teacher supervision while on the network, it is impossible to constantly monitor all individual students and the information accessed. Thus, this School Committee makes no guarantees or predictions regarding the information which students may retrieve via the Internet.

Cross Reference: IJNBD-R – Student Internet and Appropriate Use Administrative Regulation
IJNDB-E1 – Internet Network Access Agreement
IJNDB-E2 – Network Etiquette

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