

FIVE TOWN CSD POLICY

STUDENT COMPUTER and INTERNET USE

The Five Town CSD provides computers, networks and Internet access to support the educational mission of the school and to enhance the curriculum and learning opportunities for students and school staff. This policy and the accompanying rules also apply to laptops issued directly to students whether in use at school or off school premises. The Board 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 these policies may have their computer privileges limited, suspended or revoked and may also be subject to further discipline, referral to law enforcement and/or legal action.

All Five Town CSD computers remain under the control and supervision of Five Town CSD at all times. Five Town CSD reserves the right to 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.

The District utilizes filtering technology designed to block child pornography and other materials that are obscene or harmful. While reasonable precautions will be taken to supervise student use of the Internet, The Five Town CSD cannot reasonably prevent all inappropriate uses in violation of Board policies and school rules. The Five Town CSD is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of information that students obtain through the Internet.

Students and parents shall be informed of this policy and the accompanying rules through handbooks, the District website 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 Board of the need for any future amendments or revisions to the policies rules. The Superintendent may develop additional administrative procedures/rules governing the day-to-day management and operations of Five Town CSD's computer system as long as they are consistent with the Board's policies/rules. The Superintendent may delegate specific responsibilities to building principals and others as he/she deems appropriate.

Legal Reference:

- 47 USC § 254 (h) (5) (Children's Internet Protection Action)

Cross Reference:

- GCSA - Employee Computer and Internet Use
- IJNDB-R - Student Computer and Internet Use Rules
- EGAD - Copyright Compliance
- JIC - Student Code of Conduct

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