

**Chebeague Island School Department
School Committee Policy**

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STUDENT COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE AND “CYBER SAFETY”

Chebeague Island School computers, network, and Internet access are provided 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 to students, whether in use at school or off school premises.

Compliance with the school unit’s policies and rules concerning computer use is mandatory. Students who violate these policies and rules may have their computer privileges limited, suspended, or revoked. Such violations may also result in disciplinary action, referral to law enforcement, and/or legal action.

Chebeague Island School computers remain under the control, custody, and supervision of the school unit at all times. The school unit monitors all computer and Internet activity by students. Students have no expectation of privacy in their use of school computers, whether used on school property or elsewhere.

“CYBER SAFETY”

Chebeague Island School utilizes filtering technology designed to block materials that are obscene or harmful to minors, and child pornography. The District takes precautions to supervise student use of the Internet, but parents should be aware that the District couldn’t reasonably prevent all instances of inappropriate computer use by students in violation of Committee policies and rules, including access to objectionable materials and communication with persons outside of the school. Chebeague Island School is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of information that students obtain through the Internet.

In the interest of student safety (“cyber safety”), CIS also educates students and parents about online behavior, including interacting on social networking sites and chat rooms, the dangers of hacking, and issues surrounding “sexting” and cyberbullying awareness and response. The Superintendent shall be responsible for integrating cyber safety training and “digital citizenship” into the curriculum and for documenting Internet safety training.

The Superintendent 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 School Committee policy to govern the day-to-day management and operations of the school unit’s computer system.

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

Cross Reference: EGAD – Copyright Compliance
GCSA – Employee Computer and Internet Use
IJNDB-R – Student Computer and Internet Use Rules

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