

STUDENT COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE

Falmouth Public School computers, networks 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 issued directly to students, whether in use at school or off school premises.

Student use of school computers¹, networks and Internet services is a privilege, not a right. 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.

Falmouth School computers remain under the control 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.

Falmouth Public Schools utilizes filtering technology designed to block materials that are obscene or harmful to minors, and child pornography. Falmouth Schools takes precautions to supervise student use of the Internet, but parents should be aware that the Falmouth Schools cannot reasonably prevent all instances of inappropriate computer 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.

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

The Superintendent is responsible for implementing this policy and the accompanying rules. Additional administrative procedures or school rules governing the day-to-day management and operations of the school unit's computer system may be implemented, consistent with Board policies and rules. The Superintendent may delegate specific responsibilities to the Technology Coordinator and others as he/she deems appropriate.

Cross Reference: IJNDB-R – Student Computer and Internet Use Rules
 GCSA – Employee Computer and Internet Use
 IJND – Distance Learning Program
 EGAD – Copyright Compliance
 JIC – Student Code of Conduct

Legal Reference: 47 USC § 254(h)(5) (Children's Internet Protection Act)
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¹ The term "school computers" in this document refers both to school owned computers and privately owned computers or computing devices that are used by students at school. Privately owned computers and computing devices may be subject to additional rules as outlined in school handbooks.