STUDENT USE OF COMPUTERS, DEVICES AND THE INTERNET

The Gilford School District's computers/devices, software systems, network, and Internet services are provided to support the educational mission of the District and its schools. This policy and the accompanying responsible use rules applies to all students' use of all district and student owned technology devices and systems (ie- Google G Suite for Education, Student Information System, etc.) whether used or accessed on or off school property.

The Superintendent establishes rules for Responsible Technology and Internet Use. Compliance with the Gilford School District's policies and rules concerning computer/devices, software systems, network and Internet services use is mandatory. Students who violate these policies and rules may have their privileges limited, suspended or revoked. The building administrator shall have the final authority to decide whether a student's privileges will be altered, based on the circumstances of the particular case. Such violations may also result in disciplinary action, referral to law enforcement and/or legal action.

Gilford School District computers/devices, software systems, network and internet services remain under the control, custody and supervision of the Gilford School District at all times. The District monitors all computer/device and Internet activity by students. Students have no expectation of privacy in their use of School District computers/devices, software systems, networks and Internet
services, whether they are used or accessed on or off school property.

The Gilford School District utilizes filtering technology designed to block materials that are obscene or harmful to minors, and child pornography. The Gilford School District takes precautions to supervise student use of the Internet and electronic communications and to prevent the unlawful disclosure, use or dissemination of personally identifiable information about students. The Gilford School District educates students about safety on the Internet, appropriate online behavior and cyberbullying awareness and response, but parents should be aware that the Gilford School District cannot reasonably prevent all instances of inappropriate computer/device use by students that may violate School Board policies and rules, including access to objectionable materials and communications.

Students and parents shall be informed of this policy and the accompanying rules through student handbooks, annual online student registration and/or other means selected by the Superintendent.

The Superintendent or his/her designee is responsible for implementing this policy and the

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accompanying rules. Additional administrative procedures or school rules governing the day-to-day management and operations of the Gilford School District's computers/devices, software systems and network may be implemented by the Superintendent, consistent with School Board policies and rules.

Legal References:

RSA 194:3-d, *School District Computer Networks*

47 U.S.C. §254, *Requirements For Certain Schools – Internet Safety*

20 U.S.C. §6777, *Enhancing Education Through Technology – Internet Safety*

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