

4.8 -- STUDENT DISCIPLINE -- INTERNET POLICY -- Act 801 of 1997

At Van Buren, students may have the opportunity to use a variety of technologies, including computers and the Internet. Students are to use this technology as directed by the staff in conformity with school curriculum. Internet chat lines and/or chat rooms have no instructional value, therefore both are prohibited. Students using technology in an inappropriate manner and/or as not directed by the school are in violation of school policy and subject to discipline, up to and including loss of technology privileges (which may involve loss of credit).

Students who use technology to violate other policies will be subject to discipline for both the misuse of technology as well as the policy violation. Example: A student sending a threatening e-mail message to another student would be disciplined for misusing technology and threatening another student.

Penalties:

1st offense: Warning and explanation of the appropriate usage of technology.

2nd offense: Loss of technology privileges for a minimum of one week or a maximum of two weeks.

3rd offense: Loss of technology privileges for a minimum of one month or a maximum of one grading period.

Additional offenses will be subject to further disciplinary action as determined by the principal.

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