

STUDENT USE OF PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Definitions

For the purposes of this policy and related procedure, the following terms are defined:

Personal Electronic Device (PED) – Is an electronic device that emits an audible or visual signal, displays a message, or otherwise summons the possessor, including, but not limited to, cellular telephones, paging devices, electronic e-mailing devices, radios, tape players, CD players, DVD players, video cameras, iPods or other MP3 players, laser pointers, portable video game players, laptop computers, personal digital assistants (PDA's), cameras and any device that provides a wireless connection to the Internet.

Use – Includes carrying or possessing a PED that is on or visible. A cell phone set on “vibrate” or “manner mode” shall be considered to be in use. A PED that emits an audible signal, vibrates, displays a message or otherwise summons the possessor shall be a PED deemed “in use.” A PED, even if placed in an “off” position but visible to others shall be deemed “in use.” A PED in an “off” position and stored out-of-sight in a back-pack, book bag, pocket, purse, vehicle, etc. shall be not be deemed “in use.”

Student Acceptable Use of Personal Electronic Devices

Students may possess cell phones and other PEDs on school campuses, school buses and at school-sponsored activities. However, students may not possess PED that are in use or use PEDs during the school day, including instructional class time, class change time, or lunch. The school day begins when the student first enters district property and ends when the last bell rings to dismiss classes for the day. Students are allowed to possess and use PEDs on district buses or other forms of district transportation as long as possession and/or use does not cause a disruption and/or violate district policy and procedures, including but not limited to the district’s policy on recording. Students may possess and use PEDs at other times as long as such use does not violate district policy and procedures, including but not limited to the district’s policy on recording. Exceptions or waivers to this restriction may be made at the discretion of teachers, bus drivers or administrators in the event of an emergency or when deemed appropriate by the administrative staff.

The student who possesses a PED is responsible for its care. The district is not responsible for preventing or investigating theft, loss, damage, or vandalism to PEDs brought onto its property.

The Board directs the superintendent to establish procedures and community education to implement this policy. Use of PEDs in violation of this policy or district procedures will result in disciplinary action and/or confiscation of the PED. The district may also discipline a student for off-campus conduct, including use of a PED, that disrupts the educational environment.

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Note: The reader is encouraged to check the index located at the beginning of this section for other pertinent policies and to review administrative procedures and/or forms for related information.

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Cross Refs: AC, Prohibition Against Illegal Discrimination and Harassment
EHB, Technology Usage
IGBA, Programs for Students with Disabilities
JFCF, Hazing and Bullying
JFG, Interrogations, Interviews and Searches
KKB, Audio and Visual Recording

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