

Policy Title: Student-Owned Electronic Communications Devices

Policy No: 505.06

Students, in grades Kindergarten – 12, with permission of their parent(s)/guardian(s), or the student him/herself, if the student is over eighteen years of age, may be in possession of personal electronic devices such as smart phones, cellular telephones, pagers/beepers, laptops, tablets, e-readers, or other related electronic devices on school property. The devices shall not be used in a manner that disrupts the educational process, including, but not limited to, posing a threat to academic integrity or violating confidentiality or privacy rights of another individual. Unless an emergency situation exists that involves imminent physical danger *or a certified District employees authorizes the student to do otherwise* (such as use in class), use of devices for grades 6 – 12 shall be limited to the period before classes begin in the morning, in between classes during passing time, during the student’s lunch period, and after the student’s last class in the afternoon. Students in grades Kindergarten – 3 will not be allowed to use their personal devices during school hours.

Access to the devices is a privilege and not a right. Each student will be required to follow the Acceptable Use of Electronics Networks Policy and the Internet Access Conduct Agreement.

Students may only access the internet through the filtered District connection, regardless of whether they are using their personal device or a District-issued device. District staff will not provide software or technical assistance for student-owned devices.

Because power cords stretched out in classrooms become a safety issue both for the students and devices, charging the device in any classroom, hallway, or any other location that may be a safety concern will not be allowed.

On school grounds students are prohibited from using personal electronic devices to capture, record or transmit the words (i.e. audio) and/or images (i.e., pictures/video) of any student, staff member or other person in the school without express prior notice and explicit consent for the capture, recording or transmission of such words or images. Using a personal electronic device to take or transmit audio and/or pictures/video of an individual without his/her consent is considered an invasion of privacy and is not permitted, unless authorized by the building principal or other member of the District’s professional staff.

Students found to be using any electronic communications device to in any way send or receive personal messages, data, or information that would contribute to or constitute cheating on any student assessment, project, or assignment shall be subject to discipline and the device shall be confiscated and not returned until a parent/guardian conference has been held.

Students are responsible for safeguarding devices they bring to school. The District shall not be responsible for loss, theft, damages, or destruction of student-owned devices brought onto school property.

Electronic communications devices are allowed on the District's school busses. For safety reasons, however, the use of such electronic devices shall be limited to those periods of time authorized at the discretion of the school bus driver.

Students shall comply with any additional rules developed by the school concerning appropriate use of telecommunication or other electronic devices.

Students violating the provisions of this Policy are subject to disciplinary action, including losing the privilege of bringing the device onto school property, detention, suspension, or expulsion. In addition, an administrator will confiscate the devices, which shall only be returned to the student's parent(s)/guardian(s). Where appropriate, police authorities may be contacted.

The controls on electronic communication devices contained in this Policy do not apply to special education or Section 504 students or students with an Individualized Education Plan when any of these or other such similar plans conflict with uses outlined herein.

Policy Cross Reference:

Board Policy 502.17	District-Provided Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks
Board Policy 505.10	Bring Your Own Technology Program

Legal Reference:

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