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Authority

The Board authorizes student possession of cell phones and other personal electronic devices, such as pagers, calculators, personal digital assistants (PDAs), laptop computers, handheld computers, cameras, MP3 players, mobile phones, tablets or any other devices designed to communicate, create or store information. While the district does not prohibit bringing these devices, the district does not recommend it.[\[1\]](#)

Owners assume all risks of damage, theft, loss or misuse of such devices.

Students may only be permitted to utilize such devices in the classroom with the consent of the teacher.

Students may not use such devices on school property and school-sponsored activities to access and/or view Internet websites that are otherwise blocked to students at school, such as but not limited to FaceBook, MySpace and YouTube.[\[9\]](#)

The following shall also be prohibited while using such devices on school grounds:[\[9\]](#)

1. Sending and/or displaying offensive messages.
2. Using obscene language.
3. Harassing, insulting or attacking others.
4. Violating copyright laws.

5. Using another individual's password/access codes.

6. Trespassing in digital files, work or folders.

Cameras of any type shall be prohibited in restrooms, locker rooms, swimming pool areas or during testing shall be prohibited.

The Board prohibits **possession of** laser pointers and attachments by students in district buildings; on district property; on district buses and vehicles; and at school-sponsored activities.[\[2\]](#)

Devices shall be powered off or silenced during the school day, unless otherwise permitted by district procedures, rules and/or regulations. **Use of** personal or district technology devices that disrupt the instructional day or includes possession, viewing, sending or sharing video or audio information which has sexual, violent or threatening content on school grounds, school events or school buses shall be prohibited and shall result in disciplinary action and/or confiscation of the electronic device.[\[3\]](#)[\[6\]](#)[\[7\]](#)

Definition

Electronic devices shall include all devices that can take photographs; record audio or video data; store, transmit or receive messages or images; or provide a wireless, unfiltered connection to the Internet. Examples of these electronic devices include, but shall not be limited to, radios, CD players, DVD players, handheld game consoles, mobile phones, tablets, laptops as well as any new technology developed with similar capabilities.

Electronic Images and Photographs

The Board prohibits the taking, storing, disseminating, transferring, viewing, or sharing of obscene, pornographic, lewd, or otherwise illegal images or photographs, whether by electronic data transfer or other means, including but not limited to texting and emailing.

Because such violations may constitute a crime under state and/or federal law, the district may report such conduct to state and/or federal law enforcement agencies.

Off-Campus Activities

This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and would otherwise violate the Code of Student Conduct if any of the following circumstances exist:[\[3\]](#)

1. The conduct occurs during the time the student is traveling to and from school or traveling to and from school-sponsored activities, whether or not via school district furnished transportation.
2. The student is a member of an extracurricular activity and has been notified that particular off-campus conduct could result in exclusion from such activities.[\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)
3. Student expression or conduct materially and substantially disrupts the operations of the school, or the administration reasonably anticipates that the expression or conduct is likely to materially and substantially disrupt the operations of the school.
4. The conduct has a direct nexus to attendance at school or a school-sponsored activity, for example, a transaction conducted outside of school pursuant to an agreement made in school, that would violate the Code of Student Conduct if conducted in school.
5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property.
6. There is otherwise a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student's attendance at school or school-sponsored activities.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall annually notify students, parents/guardians and staff about the Board's electronic device policy by publishing such policy in the student handbook, on the district website and in other publications mailed to addresses on file.

Guidelines

Parents/Guardians and students shall sign the acceptable use waiver acknowledging review of Board policy, register applicable equipment with the district and sign related forms.[9]

Sending text, image, sound, video or files for the purpose of cheating shall be grounds for confiscation and/or inspection of transmitted data.[6]

If a device shall be confiscated, it shall only be released and/or returned to a parent/guardian.

Students may not:[9]

1. Employ the district network for commercial or any noneducational purposes.
2. Intentionally waste resources, such as excessive downloading or creating viruses.

Exceptions to the prohibitions set forth in this policy may be made for health, safety or emergency reasons with prior approval of the building principal or designee, or when use is provided in a student's individualized education program (IEP) and other reasons determined appropriate by the building principal.

The building administrator may grant approval for possession and use of a telephone paging device/beeper by a student for the following reasons:[2]

1. Student is a member of a volunteer fire company, ambulance or rescue squad.
2. Student has a need due to the medical condition of an immediate family member.
3. Other reasons determined appropriate by the building principal.

District staff shall not be authorized to share, distribute or download any content from a student's electronic device.

If the district confiscates a student's device, it shall not be responsible for loss of data or damage to the device.