

Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media **

Student possession or use of personal electronic devices on district property, in district facilities during the school day and while the student is in attendance at district-sponsored activities may be permitted subject to the limitations set forth in this policy and consistent with any additional school rules.

A "personal electronic device" is a device that is capable of electronically communicating, sending, receiving, storing, recording, reproducing and/or displaying information and data.

Personal electronic devices shall be turned off where use of the device would cause a disruption of school activities. Devices which have the capability to take photographs or record video or audio shall not be used for such purposes while on district property or while a student is engaged in district-sponsored activities, unless as expressly authorized in advance by the principal or designee.

If the district implements a curriculum that uses technology, the curriculum shall be available to all students on an equitable basis. Students may be allowed to use their own personal electronic devices to access the curriculum.

The district will not be liable for personal electronic devices brought to district property and district-sponsored activities.

Students may not access social media websites using district equipment, unless the access is approved by a district representative. The district will not be liable for information or comments posted by students on social media websites.

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

Students are subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion for using a personal electronic device in any manner that is academically dishonest, illegal or violates the terms of this policy¹. A referral to law enforcement officials may also be made. Personal electronic devices brought to district property or used in violation of this policy are subject to confiscation and will be released at the end of the day, as appropriate.

¹The taking, disseminating, transferring or sharing of obscene, pornographic or otherwise illegal images or photographs, whether by electronic data transfer or otherwise (commonly called texting, sexting, emailing, etc.) may constitute a crime under state and/or federal law. Any person taking, disseminating, transferring or sharing obscene, pornographic or otherwise illegal images or photographs will be reported to law enforcement and/or other appropriate state or federal agencies.

The superintendent shall ensure that the Board's policy and any subsequent school rules developed by building administrators are reviewed and approved in advance to ensure consistency with this policy and that pertinent provisions of policy and school rules are communicated to staff, students and parents through building handbooks and other means.

Nothing in this policy shall be construed to restrict the authority of an administrator or educator to impose additional restrictions of personal electronic devices in their school or classroom.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)

[ORS 336.840](#)

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