

Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media

Subject may be allowed to use and possess personal electronic devices (PEDs) on district property and at district-sponsored activities provided PEDs are not used in any manner that may disrupt the learning environment or district-sponsored activities, or violate Board policies, administrative regulations, school or classroom rules, state and federal law.¹

A PED is a device that is capable of electronically communicating, sending, receiving, storing, recoding, reproducing, and/or displaying information and data.

PEDs may be used as electronic study aids in the classroom if provided as a part of a student's individualized education program (IEP), or if permission is received from the student's teacher or building principal.

Support of PEDs is subject to available district resources including, but not limited to, IP addresses and network bandwidth capacity. Laptop computers and PDAs brought to school and accessing district resources may be restricted to classroom or instructional-related activities and these activities may not impede district network capacity.

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 personal electronic devices brought to district property and district-sponsored activities.

Students whose behavior is found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to loss of privileges and disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion for using a personal or district electronic device in any manner that is academically dishonest, illegal, or violates the terms of this policy. A referral to law enforcement official also may be made.

The superintendent is directed to develop administrative regulations and/or approve school rules as necessary to ensure that student use of such PED is consistent with this policy. Administrative regulations may include grade- or age-level possession and/or use restrictions by students on district property and at district-sponsored activities, consequences for violations, and such other provisions as the superintendent may deem necessary. The superintendent may provide for the confiscation of PED, and the delivery of such PED to law enforcement, if requested for evidence purposes. The superintendent is responsible for ensuring that pertinent provisions of Board policies, administrative regulation, and school rules governing

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.

PED are included in staff handbooks and student/parent handbooks, reviewed annually, and updated as necessary.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)

[ORS 336.840](#)

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Cross Reference(s):

GBNAA/JFCFA - Cyberbullying

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