

Personal Communication Devices and Social Media

Students may use and possess personal electronic devices on district grounds subject to the following:

1. Support of personal electronic devices 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 only and these activities may not impede district network capacity.
2. Personal electronic devices shall not be used in a manner that disrupts the educational process, school programs or activities, or in a manner that violates law, Board policies, administrative regulations, or school rules, or classroom rules¹;
3. Unless authorized in advance by the building principal or designee for health or safety reasons, or in the event of an emergency situation that involves imminent physical danger:
 - a. Personal electronic devices are not permitted to be turned on or visible on campus during the regular school day by students attending elementary and middle schools;
 - b. Personal electronic devices may be used during the student's break time at high school. They may not be used at any time in the proximity of any class, school activity, or event that may be in session or in progress during the regular school day;
4. At no time will any personal electronic device be allowed to be used for disruptive purposes while on district property or while the student is engaged in district-sponsored activities;
5. Digital devices which have the capability to take "photographs" or "moving pictures" shall not be used for such purposes while on district property or at district-sponsored events unless as expressly authorized in advance by the principal or designee.
6. The district shall not be responsible for loss, theft, or damage to personal electronic devices brought to district property or district-sponsored events;
7. Personal electronic devices must not be displayed in plain view during prohibited times of use;

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.

8. Personal electronic devices may be used as electronic study aids in the classroom if provided as a part of a student's individualized education plan (IEP), or if permission is received from the student's teacher;
9. The use of personal electronic devices in any way to send or receive messages, data, or information in any form (text, image, audio, or video) that would pose a threat to academic integrity, contribute to, or constitute academic dishonesty is strictly prohibited;
10. The use of personal electronic devices in any manner (text, image, audio, or video) that would violate the confidentiality or privacy rights of another individual is strictly prohibited;
11. Students shall comply with any additional school rules as established by the building principal and classroom rules as approved by the building principal concerning the appropriate use of personal electronic devices;
12. Personal electronic devices used in violation of law, Board policy, administrative regulation, or approved school rules will be confiscated, turned in to the school office, and/or transferred to law enforcement officials as appropriate. If law enforcement does not retain the device as evidence, the device will be returned to the student or parent following parent notification, conference, detention, suspension, and/or expulsion.
13. Students may not use personal electronic devices to access social media sites through a connection to district equipment or the district network unless the posting is approved by an authorized district representative.