

Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media

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

1. PEDs 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, school rules, or classroom rules¹.
2. PEDs may be used as electronic study aids in the classroom if provided as part of a student's individualized education program (IEP), or if permission is received from the student's teacher or building principal.
3. Unless authorized in advance by the building principal or designee:
 - a. PEDs are not permitted to be turned on or visible on campus during the regular school day by students attending elementary school;
 - b. PEDs are not permitted to be visible and must be silenced during instructional time by students attending middle school;
 - c. PEDs may be used during the student's break time at middle school or 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. PEDs that have the capability to take photographs or record video or audio shall not be used for such purposes while on district property or at district-sponsored events unless expressly authorized in advance by the principal or designee.
5. The district shall not be responsible for loss, theft, or damage to PEDs brought to district property or district-sponsored events.
6. The district shall not be liable for any malware or computer virus that infects a student's PED while on the district network.
7. The use of PEDs in any way to send or receive messages, data, or information that would pose a threat to academic integrity, contribute to, or constitute academic dishonesty is strictly prohibited.

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. The use of PEDs in any manner (text, image, audio, or video) that would violate the confidentiality or privacy rights of another individual is strictly prohibited.
9. 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 PEDs.
10. PEDs 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 PED as evidence, the PED will be returned to the student or parent following parent notification, conference, detention, suspension, and/or expulsion.
11. Students may not use PEDs 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.