

## **Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media**

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

1. 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 policy, administrative regulation, or school rules;<sup>1</sup>
2. Personal electronic devices may be used between classes and during the student's lunch break. They may also be used during class time, with the instructor's permission, for academic and/or emergency purposes. This guidelines may be made more restrictive but not less restrictive by the principal, with the superintendent's approval;
3. Personal electronic 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. Students are prohibited from taking pictures or videos in restrooms, locker rooms, or other designated changing areas. Students found in violation of these guidelines will be subject to consequences up to and including expulsion and/or referral to law enforcement officials as appropriate;
4. The district shall not be responsible for loss, theft or damage to personal electronic devices brought to district property or school-sponsored events;
5. Personal electronic devices may be used as electronic study aids during the school day if provided as a part of a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) or otherwise supports academic activities, or if permission is received from the student's teacher;
6. The use of personal electronic devices, in any way, to send or receive messages, data or information that would interrupt or disrupt the instructional process, pose a threat to academic integrity, contribute to or constitute academic dishonesty, or any form of cyber-bullying is strictly prohibited;
7. The use of personal electronic devices in any manner that would violate the confidentiality or privacy rights of another individual is strictly prohibited;

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<sup>1</sup>The 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. Students shall comply with any additional school rules as established by the principal and classroom rules as approved by the principal concerning the appropriate and inappropriate uses of personal electronic devices;
9. Personal electronic devices used in violation of law, Board policy, administrative regulation or approved school rules may be confiscated, turned in to the school office and returned to the student or parent following parent notification, conference, detention, suspension, expulsion, and/or referral to law enforcement officials, as appropriate;
10. Students may not access social media websites using district equipment while on district property or at district-sponsored activities unless the access is approved, in advance, by a district representative.