

Personal Communication Devices

Students may be allowed to use and possess personal communication devices on district property and at district-sponsored activities provided such devices 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. Administrative rules may include grade or age-level possession or use restrictions as appropriate.

A "personal communication device" is a device that emits an audible signal, vibrates, displays a message or otherwise summons or delivers a communication to the possessor of the device. These devices include, but are not limited to, walkie talkies, either long- or short-range portable radios, portable scanning devices, cellular telephones and pagers, other digital audio devices (iPODs), personal digital assistants (PDAs), laptop computers and similar devices with wireless capability. The district will not be liable for personal communication devices brought to district property and district-sponsored activities.

Cellular telephones, pagers and other digital audio devices shall be turned off during instructional or class time, or at any other time where such use of the device would cause a disruption of school activities.

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

Social media Web sites are Web sites such as, but not limited to, Facebook, MySpace and Twitter.

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 communication 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 communication devices brought to district property or used in violation of this policy are subject to confiscation and will be released to the student's parent or property owner, as appropriate.

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

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.

that pertinent provisions of policy and rules are communicated to students and parents through building handbooks and other means.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)

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