



Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media**

Students may be allowed to use and possess personal electronic 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, district “Responsible Use Agreement” school or classroom rules, state and federal law.¹

As used in this policy, a “personal electronic device” is a device that is capable of electronically communicating, sending, receiving, storing, recording, reproducing and/or displaying information and data.

The district will not be liable for personal electronic devices brought to district property and district-sponsored activities.

If the district implements a curriculum that uses technology, the district will provide an adequate student device to access the curriculum materials. Students who are allowed to use their own devices to access the curriculum will be granted access to any application or electronic materials when they are available.

Social media tools may be used by students in a manner that supports the instructional and learning environment. The district will not be responsible for information or comments posted by students on social media websites when the student is not using social media tools directly related to district activities and under the direction of district staff.

The superintendent is directed to develop administrative regulations and/or approve school rules as necessary to ensure that student use of such devices 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; a process for responding to a student’s request to use a personal electronic device, including an appeal process if the request is denied; and such other provisions as the superintendent may deem necessary. The superintendent is responsible for ensuring that pertinent provisions of Board policies, administrative regulations and school rules governing personal electronic devices are included in staff handbooks and student/parent handbooks, reviewed annually and updated as necessary.

END OF POLICY

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.

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)

[ORS 336.840](#)

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