



Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media

Students may use and possess personal electronic devices on district grounds 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;¹
2. Personal communication devices may be used between classes and during the student's lunch break. These devices may also be used during class time, with the instructor's permission, for academic and/or emergency purposes;
3. Personal electronic devices which have the capability to take photographs or record video or audio may be used for such purposes while on district property or at school-sponsored events. Students are prohibited from taking any photographs or recording any video or audio in restrooms, locker rooms or other designated changing areas;
4. The district will not be responsible for photographs, video, audio or any other information posted online by, when the student is not using online tools directly related to district activities and under the direction of district staff;
5. The district shall not be responsible for loss, theft or damage to personal electronic devices brought to district property or district-sponsored events;
6. 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 plan (IEP) or otherwise supports academic activities;
7. The use of personal electronic devices 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;
8. The use of personal electronic devices in any manner that would violate the confidentiality or privacy rights of another individual is strictly prohibited;
9. The use of personal electronic devices in any way to send or receive messages, images or any other information that would constitute bullying, defamation or other types of abuse 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.

10. Students shall comply with any additional school rules as established by the principal and classroom rules as approved by the principal concerning the appropriate use of personal electronic devices;
11. 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 returned to the student or parent following parent notification, conference, detention, suspension, expulsion and/or referral to law enforcement officials as appropriate;
12. Students should not access social media websites using district equipment, while on district property or at district-sponsored activities unless the access is approved for an educational process, school program or classroom activity by the principal, teacher or designee.