

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

Students may be allowed to use and possess personal electronic devices on public charter school property and at public charter school-sponsored activities provided such devices are not used in any manner that may disrupt the learning environment or public charter school-sponsored activities, or violate Board policies, administrative regulations, school or classroom rules, state and federal law.<sup>1</sup>

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.

If the public charter school implements a curriculum that uses technology, students may be allowed to use their own personal electronic devices to access the curriculum. 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 to students who do not use their own devices, or provided free of charge to students who do not use their own devices for curriculum.

Students may not access social media websites using public charter school equipment, while on public charter school property or at public charter school-sponsored activities unless the access is approved by a public charter school representative.

The public charter school will not be liable for personal electronic devices brought to public charter school property and public charter school-sponsored activities. The public charter school will not be liable for information or comments posted by students on social media websites when the student is not engaged in public charter school activities and not using public charter school equipment.

The executive director 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 public charter school property and at public charter school-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 executive director may deem necessary. The executive director 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

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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.

**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 336.840](#)

[ORS 338.115](#)

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