

Students

Use of Electronic Devices

The Board of Education allows the possession and/or use of personal electronic devices for students in grades 4- 8 for educational purposes during school hours when approved by the classroom teacher or designated supervisor. Electronic devices that may be allowed under this policy include but are not limited to e-readers, tablets, laptop computers, and MP3 players. Cellular phones should be turned off and left in lockers or backpacks during the school day to ensure a quiet, attentive learning environment that is free of disruptions.

Students shall not use electronic devices in a manner that poses a threat to academic integrity, disrupts the learning environment, or violates the privacy rights of others, including but not limited to unauthorized photos or recordings. Students shall not record audio or video without the explicit permission of authorized staff. Students shall not send, share, view, or possess pictures, text messages, e-mails or other digital material depicting offensive content on a cell phone or other electronic device while the student is on school grounds, at school-sponsored events or on school buses. The definition and determination of offensive content is at the sole discretion of the administration.

Permission to use electronic devices as part of the educational experience in one location is not blanket permission to use electronic devices elsewhere. Such devices may only be used in accordance with administrative regulations.

The district is not responsible for the safety or security of personal electronic devices that students choose to bring to school. The district is also not responsible to provide technical support or maintenance of personal electronic devices.

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