

Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media - Students

Student possession or use of personal electronic devices on district property, in district facilities during the school day and while the student is in attendance at district-sponsored activities may be permitted subject to the limitations set forth in this policy and consistent with any additional school rules as may be established by the principal and approved by the superintendent.

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

Personal electronic devices are not to be used during school hours unless given explicit permission by the teacher or an administrator. This restriction includes during instructional or class time, during passing times between classes, or at any other time where such use of the device would cause a disruption of school activities. Exception at Sandy High School: Personal devices may be used during passing time, lunch and before/after school. Devices which have the capability to take photographs or record video or audio shall not be used for such purposes while on district property or while a student is engaged in district-sponsored activities, unless as expressly authorized in advance by the principal or designee. Computers tablets, iPads or similar devices brought to school will be restricted to academic activities and independent communications. The district will not be liable for personal electronic devices brought to district property and district-sponsored activities.

Students may not access social media websites (e.g., YouTube and Twitter) using district equipment, while on district property or at district-sponsored activities unless the access is approved by a district representative. The district will not be liable for information/comments posted by students on social media websites.

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 in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion. The superintendent shall ensure that the Board’s policy is communicated to students and parents. The district will not be liable for information or comments posted by students on social media websites when the student is not engaged in district activities and not using district equipment.

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.

Personal electronic devices are subject to being confiscated.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)

ORS 336.840

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