

Electronic Devices: Use by Students

For purposes of this Administrative Regulation and the accompanying Board Policy, the following definition shall apply:

Electronic devices shall mean all objects, machines, or pieces of equipment that can take photographs; that can record, store, transmit, receive, reproduce, initiate, or display audio or video data, calls, messages, images, or any other form(s) of communications; or that can connect to the internet. This definition includes all devices with voice, data, text, and/or navigation capabilities, devices that can be remotely or autonomously operated, those that perform word processing functions, and those that support computer and online applications (apps).

School-sponsored activities means any District-sanctioned activity involving the District itself or a student organization, club or athletic team as well as any District-provided remote academic instruction.

General Guidelines

Students may possess electronic devices in buildings owned by the District, on school grounds, in school vehicles, and/or while participating in school-sponsored activities, subject to the conditions contained in this Administrative Regulation and the accompanying Board Policy.

Each building principal shall have the right to regulate the use of electronic devices in their designated school building. Notwithstanding any regulations imposed on the use of electronic devices by individual building principals, the use of electronic devices is also subject to the following restrictions:

1. Electronic devices may not be used to conduct any activities that violate applicable law, Board Policy, Administrative Regulations, school rules, or any applicable student handbook or code of conduct.
2. Electronic devices may not be used in any manner that interferes with, or is disruptive to, educational or extracurricular activities or events of the District.
3. Unless authorized by a teacher or building administrator for use in connection with an activity related to the curriculum or other District-sponsored activity, electronic devices must be turned off or set on silent mode when students are in classrooms and other locations where instruction is taking place.
4. Use of electronic devices in restrooms, locker rooms, and other areas where individuals would have a similar expectation of privacy is expressly prohibited.
5. Without prior permission from an administrator or teacher, students may not use electronic devices in school to capture videos, photos or audio.
6. The District is not responsible for any damages or theft that may occur to electronic devices.

7. Personal electronic devices must be used in accordance with Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 8080 (Acceptable Use of Technology).

Notwithstanding the rules set forth above, electronic devices may be used at any time for the purposes of reporting an emergency situation or a violation of Board Policy, Administrative Regulations, school rules, or any applicable student handbook or code of conduct to an appropriate school official when such violation constitutes a threat to the health, safety or welfare of members of the school community. Electronic devices may also be used in accordance with a student's IEP or Section 504 Service Agreement.

Violations

Violations of this Administrative Regulation or the accompanying Board Policy, including any regulations imposed on the use of electronic devices by individual building principals, may result in disciplinary action, including suspension, expulsion and/or referral to law enforcement.

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