

5516 – STUDENTS' USE OF PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY

The Board of Education recognizes that telecommunications and other new technologies continue to shift the manner in which information is accessed, communicated and transferred. The Board of Education also recognizes that those changes continue to alter the nature of teaching and learning. Access to databases, libraries, Internet sites, online textbooks, bulletin boards and the like is now available to students through personal electronic recording and communication devices. While the Board of Education supports access by students to information sources, it also recognizes its obligation to protect the privacy rights of students and staff members and to assure the integrity of the district's educational program. Therefore the Board of Education adopts this policy regarding in-school use of personal electronic communication and/or recording devices by students.

Personal "electronic communication and/or recording device (ECRD)" includes any device with the capability to audio or video record or any device capable of receiving or transmitting any type of communication between persons. An ECRD includes, but is not limited to, cameras, cellular and wireless telephones, pagers/beepers, laptop computers, electronic readers, personal digital assistants (PDAs), two-way radios, portable fax machines, video broadcasting devices, iPads, tablets, iPods, MP3 players, and any other device that allows a person to access, record and/or transmit, on either a real time or delayed basis, sound, video or still images, text, or other information.

Elementary school students who bring an ECRD to school must keep the device turned off and placed in their backpack or locker. Intermediate school students who bring an ECRD to school may keep the device on their person throughout the school day but the device must be turned off. The devices can only be used in the classroom for educational purposes at the direction of the classroom teacher. The devices cannot be used at any other time or place during the school day.

High school students who bring an ECRD to school may keep the device on their person throughout the school day, but the device must be off or on silent during class. The devices can only be used in the classroom for educational purposes with the specific permission of the classroom teacher. Students are permitted to use an ECRD for recreational purposes (with the exception of phone calls) in the student center, cafeterias or courtyard. Students must adhere to the Acceptable Use Policy during these activities. If an ECRD is being used for music, student must wear headphones and have one ear free. The devices may not be used in the hallways, offices, locker rooms, bathrooms, or during passing time between classes.

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Photo or video recording is allowed only when at the direction of the teacher for educational purposes. When so permitted by a teacher, under no circumstances should a pupil use an ECRD to take pictures or video of another student or staff member without permission of the student or staff member.

A student authorized or approved to use an ECRD may not use an ECRD to access internet sites or view information or internet-based material that is inappropriate or would be blocked from student access by the school district's guidelines for the acceptable use of computers and networks.

Any personal ECRD used in violation of this Policy will be confiscated by a school staff member or Principal or designee and released to the student's parent/guardian. The student will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action in accordance with Policy 5500, Conduct/Discipline, Regulation 5500 Conduct/Discipline Code of Conduct and, if applicable with Policy 5512, Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying.

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