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Purpose

The Board adopts this Policy in order to maintain an educational environment that is safe and secure for all District students and free of distractions that hinder the learning process.

Authority

The Board and District administration shall have the right to regulate the use of electronic devices in accordance with applicable law.

Definition

Electronic devices shall mean all devices 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, those that perform word processing functions, and those that support computer and online applications (apps). For purposes of this Policy and the accompanying Administrative Regulation, this definition does not include District-owned or -issued devices, the use of which is governed by Board Policy 815.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall develop Administrative Regulations detailing rules and conditions upon which students may use electronic devices at school, at school-sponsored activities, and on vehicles owned, operated, or under the control of the District, in accordance with applicable law, and further in a manner consistent with the general guidelines outlined below.

Guidelines

The safest place for a student's cell phone and other personal electronic devices is at home. The District will not be responsible for damage, loss or theft of an electronic device under any circumstances.

During school hours, if a parent/guardian needs to get a message to their student, they are encouraged to call the school's office so that the message may be delivered to the student as soon as possible in a manner that will not disrupt learning.



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The use of electronic devices by students within all buildings owned by the District, on school grounds, in school vehicles and/or while participating in school-sponsored activities on or off school premises is subject to the conditions contained in this Administrative Regulation, the accompanying Board Policy, and any additional regulations imposed by the building principal that are not inconsistent with this Administrative Regulation or the accompanying Board Policy.

General Guidelines

Elementary School

At the elementary school level, students are not permitted to use electronic devices unless prior permission has been granted by the building principal for legitimate educational purposes or other urgent/compelling reasons. If such an exception has been granted, then students may only use their electronic device for the limited purpose(s) for which the exception was granted.

Middle School and High School

At the middle school level, students are permitted to use electronic devices as follows:

1. During non-instructional time, in accordance with the guidelines enumerated below.
2. During instructional time, for approved educational purposes only, subject to the guidelines enumerated below, unless prior permission has been granted by the building principal for legitimate educational purposes or other urgent/compelling reasons. If such an exception has been granted, then students may only use their electronic device for the limited purpose(s) for which the exception was granted.

Regulations Applicable to Use of Electronic Devices

To the extent that students are permitted to use electronic devices, in accordance with this Administrative Regulation, the accompanying Board Policy, or in accordance with any additional regulations imposed by the building principal, such use is subject to all of the following regulations:

1. Electronic devices may not be used to conduct any activities that violate state and/or federal law, Board Policy, Administrative Regulations, school rules or any provision of the applicable student handbook or code of conduct.
2. Electronic devices may not be used in any manner that interferes with, is not conducive with, or is disruptive to, educational or extracurricular activities or events of the District, or

social development.

3. Unless authorized by a teacher or building principal, 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. Use of electronic devices must be used in compliance with Board Policy 815.
6. Except for events which are open to the general public, students are prohibited from using electronic devices to take photographs or video while in school buildings or on school vehicles owned, operated, leased, or under control of the District, unless authorized by a teacher or building administrator for use in connection with an activity related to the curriculum or other District-sponsored activity.

Notwithstanding any rule or regulation to the contrary, electronic devices may be used at any time to respond to or report an emergency situation, which shall include reporting 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.

Notwithstanding any rule or regulation to the contrary, electronic devices may be used at any time in accordance with the provisions of a student-specific IEP or Section 504 Service Agreement.

Violations

Violations of this Administrative Regulation or the accompanying Board Policy may result in disciplinary action, up to and including suspension and/or expulsion, in accordance with applicable law, Board Policy, Administrative Regulations, and any applicable student handbook or code of conduct.