

2363 PUPIL USE OF PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

The Board of Education recognizes technology is always changing and as a result of increased accessibility to technology many pupils possess personal electronic devices (PEDs) for their use during non-school hours. These privately-owned devices may be beneficial to pupils during school hours for approved educational purposes. Therefore, the Board of Education will allow pupils to use PEDs under conditions outlined in this Policy.

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For the purpose of this Policy, “hardware” means any device that can store, access, retrieve, and/or communicate data or information. “Hardware” may include, but is not limited to, any type of computer device; wireless telephone; electronic reader; personal digital assistant (PDAs); video broadcasting and/or recording device; or camera.

For the purpose of this Policy, “software” means any computer program(s) or related data that provide instruction for telling a computer or other hardware device what to do and how to do it.

The use of PEDs by a pupil in the educational program during the school day must be approved by the pupil’s parent or legal guardian and the school teaching staff member responsible for supervising and/or providing the pupil’s instructional program. A teaching staff member may approve a pupil’s use of PEDs based on the assignment(s) to the pupil. The teaching staff member may also prohibit the use of PEDs for an assignment(s).

Pupils who use PEDs in school will be given access to the school district’s guest network. In the event the teaching staff member approves the use of PEDs to access the Internet, the access must be through the PEDs. A teaching staff member who approves a pupil to use their PEDs to access the Internet during instructional time will provide the pupil with a list of approved Internet sites the pupil is permitted to access. A pupil granted such permission must comply with school district policies and regulations regarding acceptable use of computers and technology. Any use of PEDs by a pupil shall be in strict accordance with the teaching staff member’s specific approval(s) and Board policies and regulations. Any violation will subject the pupil to appropriate discipline and/or grading consequences.



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No district instruction will require the use of any electronic device(s) unless the district provides access to the required electronic device(s) to all students who do not have personal access to them or who choose not to use Personal Electronic Devices (PEDs).

The pupil shall be responsible for the proper operation and use of any PEDs brought to school. School staff members shall not be responsible for the effective use and/or technical support for any PEDs.

The school district shall assume no responsibility for the security of or damage to any PEDs brought to school by a pupil. Pupils are encouraged to purchase private insurance for loss, damage, or theft of any PEDs the pupil brings to schools.

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