

# Three Rivers School District

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## Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media-Students

Students may use and possess personal electronic devices (PEDS) on district grounds, subject to the following rules and limitations:

### 1) Instructional Time Restriction

Personal electronic devices must be powered off and securely stored from the beginning of regular instructional hours to the end of the school day, unless expressly allowed under the exceptions listed below. This applies to all district property and district-sponsored activities during the school day.

- Off and away during the school day applies to the time period between the first bell of the day and the last bell of the day. Explicitly stated, PEDs may not be used during passing periods or lunch.

### 2) Exceptions

Use of personal electronic devices during the school day may be authorized when:

- a. Required by a licensed medical provider for a student's health condition;
- b. Required for access to an IEP, Section 504 Plan or individual student accommodation plan.

### 3) Storage of Devices

PEDs must be "off and away" at all times during the school day. PEDs may be kept by students in lockers or backpacks, but personal electronic devices are not to be stored on the student's person or in the student's clothing.

### 4) Enforcement and Response to Violations

Students who violate this regulation are subject to:

- Verbal warning and redirection;
- Confiscation of the device, which will be turned in to the office and returned to the student or parent after notification;
- Progressive interventions which may include parent contact, conference, or loss of future device privileges.

**Note:** Disciplinary measures specific to PED violations shall not result in lost instructional time.

### 5) Liability and Responsibility

The district is not responsible for the loss, theft, damage, or unauthorized use of personal electronic devices brought to school or school-sponsored events.

### 6) Additional School and Classroom Rules

Individual TRSD schools may adopt additional guidelines for appropriate PED use consistent with this AR and Board policy JFCEB. These must be approved by the principal and clearly communicated to students and families.

## 7) Communication

This regulation shall be:

- Posted on the district website;
- Included in student handbooks;
- Shared with staff, students, parents/guardians, and on-campus partners.

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1. ~~Personal electronic devices shall not be used in a manner that disrupts the educational process, school programs or activities, or in a manner that violates law, Board policy, administrative regulation or school rules;~~
2. ~~Unless as authorized in advance by the principal or designee for health or safety reasons, or in the event of an emergency situation that involves imminent physical danger, devices shall be turned on and operated only during those times designated by school rules;~~
3. ~~At no time will any personal electronic device which allows for a wireless, unfiltered connection to the Internet be allowed to be used for such purposes while on district property or while the student is engaged in school-sponsored activities;~~
4. ~~Personal electronic devices which have the capability to take “photographs” or “moving pictures” shall not be used for such purposes while on district property during regular school hours unless as expressly authorized in advance by the principal or designee;~~
5. ~~The district shall not be responsible for loss, theft or damage to personal electronic devices brought to district property or school-sponsored events;~~
6. ~~Personal electronic devices must not be displayed in plain view during prohibited times of use;~~
7. ~~Personal electronic devices may be used as electronic study aids during the school day if provided as a part of a student’s individualized education plan (IEP), or if permission is received from the student’s teacher;~~
8. ~~The use of personal electronic devices in any way to send or receive messages, data or information that would pose a threat to academic integrity, contribute to or constitute academic dishonesty is strictly prohibited;~~
9. ~~The use of personal electronic devices in any manner that would violate the confidentiality or privacy rights of another individual is strictly prohibited;~~
10. ~~Students shall comply with any additional school rules as established by the principal and classroom rules as approved by the principal concerning the appropriate use of personal electronic devices;~~

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Legal Reference(s):

ORS 332.107

Executive Order 25-09 (Governor Kotek, 2025)

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. § 794

Copyrights, 17 U.S.C. §§ 101-1332 (2012); 19 C.F.R. Part 1

- ~~11. Personal electronic devices used in violation of law, Board policy, administrative regulation or approved school rules will be confiscated, turned in to the school office and returned to the student or parent following parent notification, conference, detention, suspension, expulsion and/or referral to law enforcement officials as appropriate.;~~
- ~~12. Students may not access social media sites using district equipment, while on district property or at district sponsored activities unless the posting is approved by a district representative.~~