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Purpose

The Board recognizes that while certain technology resources can enhance the educational environment, student-owned equipment can also lead to distractions, academic dishonesty, and disruptions. This policy governs the use of personal electronic equipment not otherwise classified as a Personal Communication Device (PCD).

Personal Communication Devices (PCDs)

The use and possession of any student-owned device capable of wireless communication (including but not limited to smartphones, tablets, laptops, and gaming devices) are strictly governed by Policy 5136 - Personal Communication Devices.

Other Personal Electronic Devices

This section applies to student-owned technology not covered under Policy 5136 - Personal Communication Devices, such as but not limited to:

1. Cameras (stand-alone photographic and/or video)
2. Lasers, laser pens, or pointers
3. Portable audio equipment (e.g., speakers, "boom-boxes," headphones)
4. electronic games or toys that do not receive or transmit a signal to another device
5. Any other electronic device that does not possess wireless data or voice transmission capability.

~~While in some instances the possession and use of technology resources (as defined in Bylaw 0100 - Definitions) and other - electronic equipment or devices by a student at school may be appropriate, the possession and use of such technology resources and other - equipment or devices by students at school may also have the effect of distracting, disrupting and/or intimidating others in the school environment and leading to opportunities for academic dishonesty and other disruptions of the educational process.~~

The ~~Consequently, the~~ Board will supply any technology resources and other electronic equipment or devices necessary for participation in the educational program. Students shall not use or possess any technology resources considered Other Personal Electronic Devices, as defined above, and other electronic equipment or devices on school property or at any school sponsored activity without the permission of the principal and the classroom teacher and only for the classroom project for which it is needed.

~~Examples of prohibited devices include, but are not limited to, lasers and laser pens or pointers.~~

~~Students may use the following technology resources and other electronic equipment/devices during instructional time for an educational or instructional purpose (e.g. taking notes, recording a class lecture, writing papers) with the teacher's permission and supervision, and may use these technology resources and other electronic equipment during non-instructional time, provided such use is consistent with the Policy 7540.03 Student Acceptable Use and Safety:~~

A. ~~cameras (photographic and/or video),~~

B. ~~laptops,~~

C. ~~tablets (e.g., iPad-like devices),~~

D. ~~smartphones,~~

E. ~~e-readers (e.g., Kindle-like devices),~~

F. ~~personal digital assistants (PDAs),~~

G. ~~portable CD/MP3 players.~~

Students may use Other Personal Electronic Devices, as defined above, ~~the following technology resources and other electronic equipment/devices~~ on school property only for educational or instructional purposes (e.g. taking notes, recording a class lecture, writing papers) with the teacher's permission and supervision:

Distracting behavior that creates an unsafe environment will not be tolerated.

However, the use of any communication functionally that is a part of or attached to the above-approved technology resources and other electronic equipment/devices is expressly prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, wireless Internet access, peer-to-peer (ad-hoc) networking, or any other method of communication with other devices or networks. In no circumstances shall the device be allowed to connect to the District's computer network.

The preceding prohibitions do not apply to Board-owned and issued laptops, tablets, e-readers, PDAs, or authorized assistive technology devices.

Students are prohibited from using technology resources and other electronic equipment or devices in a manner that may be physically harmful to another person (e.g. shining a laser in the eyes of another student). Further, at no time may any technology resources or other electronic equipment/device be utilized by a student in a way that might reasonably create in the mind of another person an impression of being threatened, humiliated, harassed, embarrassed, or intimidated. See Policy 5517.01 – Bullying. In particular, students are prohibited from using technology resources, a camera, or other electronic equipment/device to: (1) transmit material that is threatening, obscene, disruptive, or sexually explicit or that can be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based upon their race, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation, and gender identity), age, disability, religion, or political beliefs; and (2) send, share, view or possess pictures, text messages, e-mails or other materials of a sexual nature (i.e., sexting) in electronic or any other form. Violation of these prohibitions shall result in disciplinary action.

Furthermore, such actions will be reported to local law enforcement and child services as required by law.

Students are prohibited from using technology resources and other electronic equipment/devices to capture, record, or transmit test information or any other information in a manner constituting fraud, theft, or academic dishonesty. Similarly, students are prohibited from using technology resources and other electronic equipment and devices to capture, record, or transmit the words (i.e. audio) and/or images (i.e. pictures/video) of any student, staff member or other person in the school or while attending a school-related activity, without express prior notice and explicit consent for the capture and/or recording of such words or images. Using technology resources or other electronic equipment/devices to capture, record, or transmit audio and/or pictures/video of an individual without his/her consent is considered an invasion of privacy and is not permitted, unless authorized by the building principal. Technology resources and other electronic equipment/devices are expressly banned from and may not be possessed, activated, or utilized at any time in any school situation where a reasonable expectation of personal privacy exists. These locations and circumstances include but are not limited to locker rooms, shower facilities, restrooms, classrooms, and any other areas where students or others may change clothes or be in any stage or degree of disrobing or changing clothes. The building principal has authority to make determinations as to other

specific locations and situations where possession of a camera or other electronic equipment/device is absolutely prohibited.

Unauthorized technology resources and other electronic equipment and devices will be confiscated from the student by school personnel and disciplinary action taken.

Any technology resources or other electronic equipment/device confiscated by District staff will be marked in a removable manner with the student's name and held in a secure location in the building's central office until it is retrieved by the parent ~~/guardian~~. Technology resources or other electronic equipment/devices in District custody will not be searched or otherwise tampered with unless school officials reasonably suspect that the search is required to discover evidence of a violation of the law or other school rules (e.g. a student is observed using a camera in a prohibited area). Any search will be conducted in accordance with Policy 5771 – Search and Seizure.

Students are personally and solely responsible for the care and security of any technology resources and other electronic equipment or devices they bring to school. The Board assumes no responsibility for theft, loss, damage, or vandalism to electronic equipment and devices brought onto its property, or the unauthorized use of such devices.

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