LISLE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 202

SECTION 7 - STUDENTS

7:195 Wireless Communication Devices

New Policy with Locally Proposed Revisions
First Reading, Board of Education Meeting, November 23, 2026
Replaces packet pages 118 through 120 (PRESS Issue 123 draft of 7:195)

Reading This Draft

Policy 7:195 is entirely new in PRESS Issue 123, so every word of it is new language. Highlighting the whole policy would carry no information. For that reason, only the locally proposed revisions are marked here. Blue highlight with red underline marks language proposed locally by Lisle 202 administration. ~~Blue highlight with red strikethrough~~ marks language proposed for deletion from the PRESS draft. **Bold red** marks an editorial note. Unmarked text is the PRESS Issue 123 draft as printed in the packet.

What the Local Revision Does

The PRESS draft treats all wearable devices the same way. A smart watch and a pair of smart glasses are both wireless communication devices unless messaging and data transmission are disabled, in which case neither is. PRESS Plus question 1 offers only two answers: keep that treatment, or ban all wearables outright.

Neither answer fits what the District wants. This draft separates the two. A smart watch, smart ring, or fitness tracker remains permitted when its messaging and data capability is disabled, on the same schedule that applies to phones. Smart glasses are treated as a wireless communication device at all times during school time, whether or not their messaging and data capability has been disabled, because the concern they raise is recording and capture rather than messaging, and disabling messaging does not disable a camera.

> **How to answer PRESS Plus question 1.** Answer **No**. Answering Yes directs IASB to delete the disabling exemption entirely, which would prohibit smart watches and fitness trackers along with smart glasses. The smart glasses provision below is then carried as a local revision rather than as a PRESS Plus answer, which means IASB will not maintain it in future issues.

7:195 Wireless Communication Devices

The District limits the use of wireless communication devices in accordance with State law. This policy is intended to minimize distractions in the educational environment and support students' learning, behavior, and overall well-being.

Definitions

Wireless communication device means any portable wireless device that has the capability to provide voice, messaging, or other data communication between two or more parties, including, but not limited to:

1. Cellular telephones;
2. Tablet computers;
3. Laptop computers;
4. Gaming devices~~; and;~~
5. Wearable devices, including smart watches ~~or smart glasses~~, smart rings, and fitness trackers, unless the capability to provide messaging or transmit other data communications has been disabled; and

6. Smart glasses, regardless of whether the capability to provide messaging or transmit other data communications has been disabled.

Smart glasses means eyeglasses, goggles, or other eyewear that incorporate any of the following: a camera or other image or video capture device; a microphone or other audio capture device; a display visible to the wearer; or the capability to transmit or receive data. Smart glasses does not include eyewear that provides vision correction or eye protection only.

Wireless communication device does not include any device that the District or a teacher has directly issued to, provided for, or required a student to possess and use for educational purposes.

School time means the time students spend on a school campus during the regular school day, beginning with the designated arrival time for students through the designated dismissal time for students, including instructional time, recess, lunch, and passing periods. School time does not include a before-school or after-school activity or a student's presence at an off-campus learning opportunity.

> **Accommodation is handled by the exceptions, not by the definition.** Some assistive eyewear, including low-vision aids and live-captioning glasses used by students who are deaf or hard of hearing, meets the definition of smart glasses. That is intentional. Such a student is permitted to use the device under Device Use exceptions 1 and 2 below, which is the same pathway used for every other device. Writing a second accommodation carve-out into the definition would create two inconsistent pathways to the same result.

Device Use

Students are prohibited from using wireless communication devices during school time, except under the following circumstances:

1. A licensed physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner determines that the possession or use of a wireless communication device is necessary for the management of the student's health care, and the student uses the device only as prescribed by the licensed physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner.
2. A wireless communication device is required by a student's individualized education program, Section 504 Plan, the student's health care provider's medical orders, or another written accommodation plan.
3. School personnel have determined that a wireless communication device is necessary for a student who is an English learner, as defined in 105 ILCS 5/14C-2, to access learning materials.
4. School personnel determine, on a case-by-case basis, that a wireless communication device is necessary for a student caregiver who is routinely responsible for the care and well-being of a family member.
5. When required by State or federal law.
6. In the event of an emergency, when authorized by the District's emergency crisis and response plans, protocols, or procedures.
7. When school personnel authorize a student to use a wireless communication device for educational purposes. Any such use shall be in accordance with Board policy 6:220, Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Program; Responsible Use and Conduct.

Device Storage

All wireless electronic devices must be powered off or silenced and out of sight during school time. Each Building Principal shall issue guidance to students and staff within their respective school buildings regarding how wireless communication devices must be stored during school time. Storage methods may include, but are not limited to, lockers, backpacks or personal bags, classroom storage solutions, and/or secured pouches/containers.

Enforcement

Uniform enforcement of this policy at each of the District's schools is important for its effective and fair implementation. Staff shall implement this policy consistently and in a trauma-informed and developmentally appropriate manner.

Each Building Principal shall establish administrative responses for students who violate this policy, consistent with Board policy 7:190, Student Behavior. Administrative responses may include, but are not limited to, verbal reminders/redirection, student conference, temporary confiscation of the device, parent/guardian notification, restorative intervention, and/or other additional supports. No student will be suspended, expelled, be required to pay a fee or fine, or be referred to a school resource officer or local law enforcement solely for violating this policy. If, as a response to violating this policy, a parent/guardian must retrieve the wireless communication device at a school building, the Building Principal shall provide an alternative for cases in which a parent/guardian is unable to appear in person.

The Board and District staff are not liable for damage to a wireless communication device if the device is stored in good faith and in accordance with this policy.

Policy Posting and Distribution

This policy shall be posted on the District's website and published in the student handbook(s). The Superintendent shall also annually provide this policy to staff, including new employees and substitute teachers when hired, as well as students and their parents/guardians by posting it on the District's website.

In addition to this policy, the student handbook(s) shall also include the consequences for violations of this policy.

Policy Review

At least once every three years, pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/10-20.88 and Board policy 2:240, Board Policy Development, the Board will review and make any necessary and appropriate updates to this policy. In conducting its review, the Board will gather and consider input from the teachers' local collective bargaining agent, administrators, and parents/guardians and consider any available data on the enforcement of this policy. The Board may utilize its Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee to accomplish the policy review.

References

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.88 (final citation pending).

CROSS REF.: 1:30 (School District Philosophy), 2:150 (Committees), 6:220 (Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Program; Responsible Use and Conduct), 6:235 (Access to Electronic Networks), 7:190 (Student Behavior)

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Points Requiring a Decision or Confirmation

a. Interaction with PRESS Plus question 2. The prohibition keys to "school time." If the Board answers question 2 by allowing high school device use at lunch or passing periods, smart glasses become permitted at those times as well, since they are prohibited only during school time. That would permit smart glasses in cafeterias and hallways, which is where the recording concern is strongest. If the Board wants smart glasses prohibited throughout the school day regardless of its answer to question 2, add the following sentence to the end of the Device Use section:

> Notwithstanding any exception to the definition of school time for students in grades 9 through 12, students are prohibited from using smart glasses at any time between the designated arrival time and the designated dismissal time.

b. Enforceability. Current-generation smart glasses are difficult to distinguish from ordinary eyewear by sight. Staff should not be placed in the position of inspecting students' glasses. The practical enforcement posture is to act on a reasonable belief that a device is in use, and to rely on 7:190 for any conduct involving capture or recording, rather than on visual identification at the classroom door. Building guidance should say so plainly.

c. Relationship to 7:190. PRESS Issue 123 adds an item to 7:190 prohibiting use of a wireless communication device or other electronic device to take photographs in private areas such as locker rooms or bathrooms, or to otherwise violate student conduct rules. That item, not this policy, is what reaches recording misconduct, and it applies whether or not the conduct occurs during school time. Consequences for recording misconduct run through 7:190, where suspension and expulsion remain available.

d. PRESS maintenance. Because this provision is a local revision rather than a PRESS Plus answer, IASB will not carry it forward or update it in future issues. It will need to be re-reconciled whenever PRESS revises 7:195.

e. Policy review cycle. This policy carries a statutory three-year review obligation with required input from the teachers' bargaining agent, administrators, and parents/guardians. The smart glasses provision should be examined at that review, since the device category is changing quickly.

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