

# *Document Status: Draft Update*

## **INSTRUCTION**

### **6:220 Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices**

The Board acknowledges the increasing prevalence of Personal Electronic Devices (PEDs) in our society and recognizes the value that these technology tools can bring to the learning environment. To that end, the Board fully supports the use of PEDs that enhance and support the learning process and approves of uses of PEDs for instructional purposes. Students may possess PEDs, (e.g., cellular phones, Smart Phones, Tablet PCs, iPods, iPads, E-Readers, etc.) on school district property and at school-related functions. Although students may possess these devices, use is restricted and must adhere to the following conditions:

- A. The use of PEDs is supported during school hours for instructional purposes, in case of an emergency, or at any time deemed appropriate by the administration in a building. Use of PEDs is also permitted before and after school hours at all buildings, and, under normal circumstances, permitted while riding to and from school on a school bus or other vehicle provided by the Board.
- B. Consult student handbook for specific guidelines.

PEDs with cameras or any other recording capabilities, may not be activated or utilized at any time in any school situation where a reasonable expectation of personal privacy exists, except in case of an emergency. These locations and circumstances include, but are not limited to, locker rooms, shower facilities, rest/bathrooms, and any other areas where students or others may change clothes or be in any stage or degree of disrobing or changing clothes. The District Administrator and building principals are authorized to determine other specific locations and situations where use of a PED is absolutely prohibited.

Students are prohibited from using PEDs 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.

No expectation of confidentiality will exist in the use of PEDs on school premises/property.

Students are prohibited from using PEDs in any way that might reasonably create in the mind of another person an impression of being threatened, humiliated, harassed, embarrassed, or intimidated. See Policy 7:190, *Student Behavior*. In particular students are prohibited from using their PEDs 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, sexual orientation, 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 also prohibited from using PEDs to capture and/or transmit test information or any other information in a manner constituting fraud, theft, cheating, or academic dishonesty. Likewise, students are prohibited from using their PEDs to receive such information.

Students are personally and solely responsible for the care and security of their PEDs. The School Board assumes no responsibility for theft, loss, damage, or vandalism to PEDs brought on to its property, or the unauthorized use of such devices.

Parents/Guardians are advised that the best way to get in touch with their child during the school day is by calling the school office. Students may use school phones to contact parents/guardians during the school day.

Possession of personal wireless communication devices by a student is a privilege, which may be forfeited by anyone who fails to abide by the terms of this policy, or otherwise engages in misuse of this privilege.

A person who discovers a student using a PED in violation of this policy is required to report the violation to a building administrator.

LEGAL REF.: [PRESSPlus1](#)

15 U.S.C. §§6501-6506, Children's Online Privacy Protection Act; 16 C.F.R. Part 312, Children's Online Privacy Protection Rule.

20 U.S.C §6751 et seq. 7101, Every Student Succeeds Act Enhancing Education Through Technology Act.

47 U.S.C. §254(h) and (l), Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

47 C.F.R. Part 54, Subpart F, Universal Service Support for Schools and Libraries.

105 ILCS 5/10-20.28.

CROSS REF.: 1:30 (School District Philosophy), 4:140 (Waiver of Student Fees), 5:120 (Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest), 5:125 (Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct), 5:170 (Copyright), 6:10 (Educational Philosophy and Objectives), 6:40 (Curriculum Development), 6:120 (Education of Children with Disabilities), 6:210 (Instructional Materials), 6:235 (Access to Electronic Networks), 7:140 (Search and Seizure), 7:180 (Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:340 (Student Records), 7:345 (Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security)

## **PRESSPlus Comments**

[PRESSPlus 1](#). The Legal References are updated. **Issue 120, October 2025**