

# Sheridan School District 48J

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## Personal ~~Communication~~ Electronic Devices and Social Media

Student possession or use of personal ~~communication~~ electronic devices on district property, in district facilities during the school day and while the student is in attendance at district-sponsored activities may be permitted subject to the limitations set forth in this policy and consistent with any additional school rules as may be established by the principal and approved by the superintendent.

A “personal ~~communication~~ electronic device (PED)” is a device that ~~emits an audible signal, vibrates, displays a message or otherwise summons or delivers a communication to the possessor of the device.~~ These devices include, but are not limited to, either long or short range portable radios, portable scanning devices, cellular telephones and pagers, other digital audio devices (iPODs), personal digital assistants (PDAs), laptop computers and similar devices with wireless capability is capable of electronically communicating, sending, receiving, storing, recording, reproducing and/or displaying information and data.

{“Independent communication” means communication that does not require assistance or interpretation by an individual who is not part of the communication but that may require the use or assistance of an electronic device.}

~~Cellular telephones and pagers and other digital audio devices~~ Personal electronic devices shall be turned off during instructional or class time, during passing times between classes or at any other time where such use of the device would cause a disruption of school activities. ~~Cellular telephones~~ Devices which have the capability to take “photographs” or “moving pictures” or record video or audio shall not be used for such purposes while on district property or while a student is engaged in district-sponsored activities, unless as expressly authorized in advance by the principal or designee. ~~Laptop e~~Computers, ~~and PDAs~~ tablets, iPads or similar devices brought to school will be restricted to ~~classroom or instructional-related~~ academic activities ~~only~~ and independent communications.

If the district implements a curriculum that uses technology, students may be allowed to use their own personal electronic devices to access the curriculum. Students who are allowed to use their own devices to access the curriculum will be granted access to any application or electronic materials when they are available to students who do not use their own devices, or provided free of charge to students who do not use their own devices, for curriculum.

A process for responding to a student’s request to use a personal electronic device, including an appeal process if the request is denied, will be provided.

The district will not be liable for personal ~~communication~~ electronic devices brought to district property and district-sponsored activities.

Students may not access social media ~~websites~~ using district equipment, while on district property or at district-sponsored activities unless the ~~posting~~ ~~access~~ is approved by a district representative. The district will not be liable for information/comments posted by students on social media websites.

~~Social media websites are websites such as, but not limited to, Facebook, MySpace and Twitter.~~

Exceptions to the prohibitions set forth in this policy may be made for health, safety or emergency reasons with prior principal or designee approval or when use is provided for in a student's individualized education program (IEP).

Students are subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion for using a personal ~~communication~~ ~~electronic~~ device in any manner that is academically dishonest, illegal or violates the terms of this policy. A referral to law enforcement officials may also be made. Personal ~~communication~~ ~~electronic~~ devices brought to district property or used in violation of this policy are subject to confiscation and will be released to the student's parent or property owner, as appropriate.

The superintendent shall ensure that the Board's policy and any subsequent school rules developed by building administrators are reviewed and approved in advance to ensure consistency with this policy and that pertinent provisions of policy and ~~school~~ rules are communicated to ~~staff~~, students and parents through building handbooks and other means.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 332.107](#)

[ORS 336.840](#)

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