

# Three Rivers School District

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Policy: JFCEB  
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## PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND SOCIAL MEDIA

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Students may be allowed to use and possess personal electronic devices on district property and at district-sponsored activities provided such devices are not used in any manner that may disrupt the learning environment, or district-sponsored activities, or violate Board policies, administrative regulations, school or classroom rules, state and federal law.<sup>1</sup> As used in this policy, a “personal electronic device” is a device that is capable of electronically communicating, sending, receiving, storing, recording, reproducing and/or displaying information and data.

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.

Social media web sites are web sites such as, but not limited to, Facebook, MySpace and Twitter.

Personal electronic devices shall be turned off during those times designated by the school and as required by administrative regulations. When allowed to be used, personal electronic devices shall be used in accordance with school rules, administrative regulation and Board policy. Personal electronic devices shall not be used to violate, or infringe upon the privacy of other students or staff while on district property or at district sponsored events.

If the district implements a curriculum that uses technology, students may be allowed to use their own personal electronic device to access the curriculum when it is feasible to do so. The district will not adjust the curriculum or class requirements to meet the need of a specific personal electronic device. The final decision as to the allowable use of a student’s personal electronic device shall be the building principal. A process for responding to the student’s request to use a personal electronic device, as well as an appeal process if the request is denied, shall be established by the building principal.

The district will not be liable for personal electronic devices brought to district property and district-sponsored activities. The district will not be liable for information/comments posted by students on social media Web sites when the student is not engaged in district activities and not using district equipment.

Students are subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion for using a personal electronic device in any manner that is academically dishonest, illegal or violates the terms of this policy<sup>1</sup>. A referral to law enforcement officials may also be made. Personal electronic devices brought to district property or used in violation of this policy are subject to confiscation and search and will be released to the student’s parent, or property owner, as appropriate.

The superintendent or designee is directed to develop administrative regulations and/or approve school rules as necessary to ensure that student use of such devices is consistent with this policy. Administrative regulations may include grade- or age-level possession and/or use restrictions by students on district property and at district-sponsored activities, consequences for violations and such other provisions as the superintendent may deem necessary. The superintendent or designee 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

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<sup>1</sup>The taking, disseminating, transferring, or sharing of obscene, pornographic, or otherwise illegal images or photographs, whether by electronic data transfer or otherwise (commonly called texting, sexting, emailing, etc.) may constitute a crime under state and/or federal law. Any person taking, disseminating, transferring, or sharing obscene, pornographic, or otherwise illegal images or photographs will be reported to law enforcement and/or other appropriate state or federal agencies .

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):**

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