

# Pendleton School District 16R

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

~~Students may be allowed to use or possession of a and possess personal electronic device on district property or off campus under district supervision (such as field trips) and at district-sponsored activities is prohibited 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. from the start of regular instructional hours to the end of regular instructional hours. Personal electronic devices can be used when students are not on school grounds and are not under the supervision of school personnel (other than a school bus driver)<sup>1</sup>.~~

~~As used in this policy, a~~ A “personal electronic device (PED<sup>2</sup>)” is a device that is capable of:

- Making and receiving calls
- Making and receiving text messages
- Accessing the internet independently from the school’s network infrastructure
- Commonly referred to as “cell phone,” which includes smartphones, flip phones, tablets, e-readers, smartwatches, smart glasses, laptops/chromebooks and any other personal web-capable device and the headphones and/or earbuds which can connect to those devices.

~~electronically communicating, sending, receiving, storing, recording, reproducing and/or displaying information and data.~~

Personal electronic devices that are brought onto school grounds during the regular instructional hours are to be turned off and stored in the student’s backpack or a provided locker. Personal electronic devices are not the be stored on the student’s person on in the student’s clothing.

Exceptions to this policy must meet one or more of the following:

1. Students with documented health conditions in which a medical provider’s written order states a PED is required for the care and treatment of a current medical condition;
2. The student’s individual education plan, as defined by ORS 343.035 or an education plan in accordance with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794: or

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<sup>1</sup> If students are under the supervision of school personnel other than a school bus driver, the use of personal electronic devices is prohibited during regular instructional hours. {ODE’s guidance, *Fostering Student Learning, Well-Being, and Belonging* provides that districts have discretion related to field trips. The district could include language regarding field trips here.}

<sup>2</sup> [ODE’s guidance, *Fostering Student Learning, Well-Being, and Belonging* provides “This includes personal electronic devices that can make calls, send texts, or access the internet via cellular data are restricted. This includes smartphones, web-enabled flip phones, cellular-capable tablets and e-readers, smartwatches, smart glasses, and connected headphones or earbuds. This does not include laptop computers or other devices required to support academic activities.”]

3. A written exemption provided to the student approved by the school administrator.

Students with approved exceptions are expected to follow all other device storage and usage guidelines when not actively managing their health concerns or needed for their IEP or 504 plan.

Students in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action. Discipline for possession of a personal electronic device may not include loss of instruction time for the student. However, if the actions taken by the student violate other conduct policies or school expectations, the student may be subject to any appropriate disciplinary action.

Schools must have a clear and consistent response to any violations of this policy which may include, warnings, re-teaching expectations, loss of privilege, confiscation of the personal electronic device or holding the personal electronic device to be released to parent/guardian at a later time. All schools will clearly communicate to parents, students and staff the policy and steps to be taken when policy is not followed via student handbooks, instruction, newsletters, posted to webpages and made available to the Oregon Department of Education.

~~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.~~

~~Students may not access social media websites using district equipment, while on district property or at district-sponsored activities unless the access is approved by a district representative.~~

The district will not be liable for personal electronic devices brought to district property **or** district-sponsored activities/**events**. The district will not be liable for information or comments posted by students on social media websites 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 or district electronic device in any manner that is dishonest, illegal or violates the terms of this policy

The superintendent 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; a process for responding to a student's request to use a personal electronic device, including an appeal process if the request is denied; and such other provisions as the superintendent may deem necessary. The superintendent is responsible for ensuring that pertinent provisions of Board policies, administrative regulations and school rules governing personal electronic devices are included in staff handbooks and student/parent handbooks, reviewed annually and updated as necessary.~~ **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.**

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 332.107](#)

[ORS 336.840](#)

Copyrights, 17 U.S.C. §§ 101- 1332; 19 C.F.R. Part 133 (2006).

**Cross Reference(s):**

GBNAA/JFCFA - Cyberbullying

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