

POLICY 5305

Student Use of Electronic Devices

- A. The Board of Education recognizes that uncontrolled use of electronic devices often disrupt student learning time, may contribute to cheating, and may also be used inappropriately to photograph and/or contact other students without their consent.
 - 1. “Electronic device” means a device that is used for audio, video, or text communication or any other type of computer or computer-like instrument.
- B. The following will govern student use of electronic devices including, tablets, smart phones, a smart or electronic watch, earbuds (wireless or wired), a virtual reality device, and cameras:
 - 1. Students may possess these items while in school and at school activities.
 - 2. All electronic devices will be turned off, not used, and be kept out of sight during class time.
 - 3. Policies governing student use of electronic devices before school, between class times, during their lunch and/or recess periods and during and after school activities will be determined at the school level.
 - 4. Electronic devices with photography capabilities will not be operated while a student is in a restroom, dressing room, or any other location where photography may be inappropriate.
 - 5. Any inappropriate use of electronic devices or the use of these electronic devices to threaten or harass other students or school employees, regardless of whether the individual directed, consented to, or acquiesced in the conduct, or voluntarily accessed the electronic communication, will result in the immediate confiscation of the device. Electronic devices that contain images of minors in a nude or semi-nude state will be confiscated and turned over to law enforcement. Confiscated electronic devices will be returned to the parent of the student when the school has completed any investigation and the issue has been completely resolved.
 - a. Any use of an electronic device or camera to record sounds or images or otherwise capture material in an unauthorized setting or at an unauthorized time shall subject the user of the device to increased discipline based on the circumstances and whether the student has been involved in prior violations of this policy.

- 1) The use of any electronic device or camera to threaten, bully, intimidate or embarrass another or to capture and transmit test information or any other information in a manner constituting fraud, theft or academic dishonesty will result in appropriate discipline.
- b. The use of any electronic device in a manner which may be physically harmful to another person, such as shining a laser in the eyes of another student, will result in appropriate discipline. When a student repeatedly engages in such behavior, the punishment may be increased as is appropriate.
6. Electronic devices that are confiscated for inappropriate use at school may be searched if there is reasonable suspicion to believe that the device has evidence of a violation of a school policy or law. The search must be limited to applications and areas of the device (texts, photo files, calls) where evidence of the violation may be contained, based on the information the administrator received. Evidence of a violation of a policy or law may be used for disciplinary action, and may be turned over to law enforcement if the evidence implicates a crime.
7. If an administrator receives information that an electronic device contains images of minors in a nude or semi-nude state, administrators will confiscate the device and contact law enforcement.

C. Reporting misuse of electronic devices

1. Students should report any misuse of electronic devices by an employee to the principal or other appropriate administrator. Students should report misuse of electronic devices by other students to a teacher or an administrator. Misuse of electronic devices by guest should be reported to the principal or other appropriate administrator.

[Utah Admin. Rules R277-495-4\(4\)\(b\) \(December 11, 2023\)](#)

D. Training

1. Each school shall, within the first 45 days of each school year, provide school-wide or in-classroom training to students that covers:
 - a. The District's internet and electronic device policies;
 - b. The importance of digital citizenship;
 - c. The District and school's student conduct and discipline policies;
 - d. The benefits of connecting to the internet and using the school's internet filters while on school premises; and

- e. The discipline related consequences of violating internet and electronic device policies.

[Utah Admin. Rules R277-495-5 \(December 11, 2023\)](#)