
Personal Electronic Devices**

Student use of personal electronic devices is prohibited during the regular school day, from the start of regular instructional hours until the end of regular instructional hours, when students are on school grounds or under the supervision of school personnel (other than a school bus driver), except as provided below.

Except as otherwise provided in this policy, “personal electronic device” means any portable, electrically powered device that is capable of making and receiving calls or text messages or accessing the internet independently from the school’s network infrastructure. This includes headphones and earbuds attached to personal electronic devices. This does not include a laptop computer or other device required to support academic activities.

Personal electronic devices may be used when authorized by the school administration in compliance with the terms of:

1. The student’s medical provider’s order for the care and treatment of a medical condition;
2. The student’s individualized education program as defined in ORS 343.035, or an education plan developed for the student in accordance with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794); and/or
3. A written exemption provided for the student to accommodate their individual circumstances.
4. Such authorization shall be based on a request submitted to the school administrator via the process established by the district. School administration will respond to such a request within ten (10) school days.

In accordance with ORS 336.840, students may be allowed to use personal electronic devices that support academic activities and independent communications¹, except as prohibited by this policy. In academic activities in which a personal electronic device is required as part of the curriculum, students may be allowed but not required to use their own personal electronic devices for that portion of the curriculum. Students using their own device must be granted access to any applications or electronic materials that are available to students who do not use their own personal electronic devices. These applications must be free of charge if students who do not use their own devices have access free of charge.

Personal electronic devices may not otherwise be used during regular instructional hours unless authorized by the school administration. Personal electronic devices must be stored as directed by the district or school, such as in lockers or backpacks, during regular instructional hours.

Students in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action. Discipline for mere possession or use of a personal electronic device may not include loss of instructional time for the student (including suspension or expulsion). However, if the actions taken by a student violate another conduct policy, the student may be subject to discipline up to and including expulsion.

Necessary communications during the school day while on school grounds between students and parents or guardians can be made through the school office.

¹ “Independent communication means communication that does not require assistance or interpretation by an individual who is not part of the conversation, but that may require the use or assistance of an electronic device. ORS 336.840(1).

The superintendent or designee shall ensure this policy is posted on the district website and made available to district personnel, students, parents, guardians, partners who are in school buildings during the school day, and the Oregon Department of Education.

Requests for exemptions to this policy can be submitted in accordance with the process established by the district. Appeals can be filed in accordance with KL-AR – Public Complaints.

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

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)

[ORS 336.840](#)

[Oregon Executive Order 25-09](#)