

In order to maintain a secure and orderly learning environment and to promote respect and courtesy regarding the use of Personal Electronic Devices (PEDs), the District hereby establishes the following rules and regulations governing student use of PEDs, and procedures to address student misuse of those devices.

### Provisions

Minidoka County School District takes no responsibility for the loss or damage of any Personal Electronic ~~n~~-Devices (PED). School authorities will not investigate lost or stolen personal devices differently than for other lost or stolen items. Students who choose to bring their PED for use before or after school take sole responsibility for those devices.

~~The use of personal ECD for communication and/or entertainment during instructional time is prohibited in all District schools.~~

Students may possess and utilize PEDs outside of the classroom as authorized by school administration and according to the grade level procedures. Students with disabilities who have a documented accommodation as stated on their 504 or IEP may be allowed to possess a PED for specific purposes, as listed in their plans. (CDA)

At no time shall any PED be used at school to participate in illegal activities, disrupt the educational process or climate of the school or cause harm to another individual. Any use of electronic devices which involves bullying, intimidation, threats, sexting or other like activity while at school shall result in investigation, possible loss of the use of the PED at school and discipline up to expulsion.

In the event bullying by way of any PED places a student in reasonable fear of harm to his or her person or places a student in reasonable fear of damage to his or her property or is sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening or abusive educational environment for a student, the building administrator shall refer the matter to the local law enforcement agency for violation of Idaho Code 18-917A. ~~See Policy 502.10 Hazing Harassment Intimidation Bullying Cyber Bullying~~

### Definitions

1. ~~“Electronic Device(s)” include but are not limited to any privately owned devices (cell phones, tablets, smart watches, etc.) not limited to cell phones, pagers, USB drives, MP3 players, personal digital assistants (PDAs) or any other privately owned device that is used for audio, video or text communication.~~ “Electronic Devices” are defined as communication devices that are personally owned wireless and/or portable electronic wearable or hand-held equipment that include but are not limited to existing and emerging mobile communication systems and smart technologies with digital audio, photo or video capability, Internet access (cell phones, smart phones, etc.), and hand-held entertainment systems or portable information technology systems. This policy will also apply to new technologies that may be developed for similar purposes. (CDA)

2. “Sexting” means the taking, disseminating, sending, receiving, sharing or possession of sexually explicit messages, photographs or images by electronic communication devices.

~~2.3. “Educational Purposes” for EDs are defined as teacher directed, time bound, subject specific activities such as calculation, student response, formative assessment, word processing, research, accessing educational content such as digital textbooks, image capture/recording, sound recording, organization, note-taking, etc. PED use should only be authorized when a school provided device is unavailable or would be inefficient for the educational purpose. (CDA)~~

### **Approved Uses of Electronic Communication Devices:**

The District acknowledges that **Personal** Electronic Devices have a place in the education process. Each classroom instructor shall use his/her discretion in determining when it may be appropriate to allow the use of **PE**Ds in the educational process [for educational purposes]. ~~Prior to using ECDs in the curriculum or during classroom instruction, classroom instructors should get approval from their building administrator.~~

~~Students may use an ECD during class time when authorized pursuant to an Individual Education Plan (IEP), a Section 504 Accommodation Plan or a Health Care Plan.~~

### **Electronic Communication in ~~S~~chools ~~at~~ ~~Devices~~ ~~a~~ ~~Elementary~~ ~~School~~:**

The building administrator is responsible to determine the parameters under which **PE**CDs may or may not be used during non-instructional times such as before school, lunch, recess or after school. Students who violate building rules regarding usage of **PE**CDs are subject to discipline measures as outlined in the procedures for this policy.

### **Electronic Communication Devices ~~Middle~~ ~~Schools~~:** Spell out MS consequences in Procedure

~~Students may bring ECDs to school but they must be kept out of sight and must be turned off or silenced and may not be used during instructional time. Any use during the school day will result in consequences as listed below.~~

### **Electronic Communication Devices ~~High~~ ~~School~~:** Spell out HS consequences in Procedure

~~Students may use ECDs during times other than instructional time. Any use of ECDs is prohibited during instructional time.~~

### **Consequences for inappropriate Possession or Prohibited Use of ECDs at the Secondary Level:**

~~First 0 Third offenses offense: Classroom teachers will handle first and, second, and third offenses within the classroom. ED~~

~~ECDs will be confiscated and given to administration. Only the student’s parent/guardian may pick up the ECD with the student present. Prior to receiving the ECD, the student shall sign that he or she has read this policy and understands the consequences for future violations.~~

~~Additional offenses: ECD will be confiscated and given to administration. Administration will may hold the ECD until a parent conference with the student's parent/guardian, or the administration may notify the parent and return the ED to the student.. Prior to receiving the ECD, the student shall sign that he or she has read this policy and understands the consequences for future violations. Further discipline will be at the discretion of the building administrator.~~

- ~~● The person responsible for confiscating the ECD shall turn the device over to the building administrator.~~
- ~~● The building administrator shall inform the student's parent/guardian of the confiscation of the ECD and shall document that contact in a log specific to ECDs.~~
- ~~● When the building administrator returns the ECD to either the parent/guardian, the recipient shall sign for receipt of the ECD in a log specific to ECDs.~~
- ~~● If the building administrator turns the ECD over to the police, the administrator shall document the release of the ECD in a log specific to ECDs.~~



**LEGAL REFERENCE: Idaho Code §§ 18-917A, 33-506**

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