

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 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.**

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.

### **Definitions**

1. "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.

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 PEDs in the educational process [for educational purposes].

**Electronic Communication in Schools**

The building administrator is responsible to determine the parameters under which PEDs 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 PEDs are subject to discipline measures as outlined in the procedures for this policy.

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

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