

Medford School District 549C

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Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media**

Student possession or use of personal electronic devices on district property in district facilities during the school day and while the student is in attendance at district-sponsored activities may be permitted subject to the limitations set forth in this policy and consistent with any additional school rules as may be established by the principal and approved by the superintendent.

A “personal electronic device” is a device that is capable of electronically communicating, sending, receiving, storing, recording, reproducing and/or displaying information and data including pictures and videos.

Personal electronic devices shall be turned off during instructional or class time or at any other time where such use of the device would cause a disruption of school activities, except as allowed by the instructor.

If the district implements a curriculum that uses technology, students may be allowed to use their own personal electronic devices to access the curriculum. Electronic curriculum will be provided free of charge to students.

The district will not be liable for personal electronic devices brought to district property and district-sponsored activities.

The district will not be liable for information/comments posted by students on social media websites.

Exceptions to the prohibitions set forth in this policy may be made for health, safety or emergency reasons with prior principal or designee approval or when use is provided for in a student’s individualized education program (IEP).

Students are subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion for using a personal electronic device in any manner that is academically dishonest, illegal or violates the student code of conduct or acceptable use policy. A referral to law enforcement officials may also be made. Personal electronic devices brought to district property or used in violation of this policy are subject to confiscation and will be released to the student’s parent/guardian as appropriate.

The superintendent shall ensure that the Board’s policy and any subsequent school rules developed by building administrators are reviewed and approved in advance to ensure consistency with this policy and that pertinent provisions of policy and school rules are communicated to staff, students and parents/guardians through building handbooks and other means.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)

[ORS 336.840](#)

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