

**Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media\*\***  
(Student may possess a personal electronic device)

Students may be allowed to use and possess personal electronic devices on district property and at district-sponsored activities provided such devices are not used in any manner that may disrupt the learning environment or district-sponsored activities, or violate Board policies, administrative regulations, school or classroom rules, state and federal law.<sup>1</sup>

As used in this policy, a “personal electronic device (PED)” is a device that is capable of electronically communicating, sending, receiving, storing, recording, reproducing and/or displaying information and data.

If the district implements a curriculum that uses technology, students may be allowed to use their own personal electronic devices to access the curriculum. Students who are allowed to use their own devices to access the curriculum will be granted access to any application or electronic materials when they are available to students who do not use their own devices, or provided free of charge to students who do not use their own devices for curriculum.

Students may not access social media websites using district equipment, while on district property or at district-sponsored activities unless the access is approved by a district representative.

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 or comments posted by students on social media websites when the student is not engaged in district activities and not using district equipment.

The superintendent is directed to develop administrative regulations and/or approve school rules as necessary to ensure that student use of such devices is consistent with this policy. Administrative regulations may include grade- or age-level possession and/or use restrictions by students on district property and at district-sponsored activities; consequences for violations; a process for responding to a student’s request to use a personal electronic device, including an appeal process if the request is denied; and such other provisions as the superintendent may deem necessary. The superintendent is responsible for ensuring that pertinent provisions of Board policies, administrative regulations and school rules governing personal electronic devices are included in staff handbooks and student/parent handbooks, reviewed annually and updated as necessary.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

ORS 332.107

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# Oregon School Boards Association Selected Sample Policy

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## **Personal Communication Electronic Devices and Social Media\*\*** (Version 1) (Student may possess a personal electronic device)

Students may be allowed to use and possess personal ~~communication~~ **electronic** devices on district property and at district-sponsored activities provided such devices are not used in any manner that may disrupt the learning environment or district-sponsored activities, or violate Board policies, administrative regulations, school or classroom rules, state and federal law.<sup>1</sup>

[As used in this policy, a “personal ~~communication~~ **electronic device (PED)**” is a device that emits an audible signal, vibrates, displays a message or otherwise summons or delivers a communication to the possessor of the device. [ This includes other digital devices such as but not limited to iPods is capable of electronically communicating, sending, receiving, storing, recording, reproducing and/or displaying information and data. ]

If the district implements a curriculum that uses technology, students may be allowed to use their own personal electronic devices to access the curriculum. Students who are allowed to use their own devices to access the curriculum will be granted access to any application or electronic materials when they are available to students who do not use their own devices, or provided free of charge to students who do not use their own devices for curriculum.

Students may not access social media ~~websites~~ using district equipment, while on district property or at district-sponsored activities unless the ~~posting~~ access is approved by a district representative. ~~Social media websites are websites such as, but not limited to, Facebook, MySpace and Twitter.~~

The district will not be liable for personal ~~communications~~ **electronic** devices brought to district property and district-sponsored activities. The district will not be liable for information/ or comments posted by students on social media websites when the student is not engaged in district activities and not using district equipment.

The superintendent is directed to develop administrative regulations and/or approve school rules as necessary to ensure that student use of such devices is consistent with this policy. Administrative regulations may include grade- or age-level possession and/or use restrictions by students on district property and at district-sponsored activities; consequences for violations; a process for responding to a student's request to use a personal electronic device, including an appeal process if the request is denied; and such other provisions as the superintendent may deem necessary. The superintendent is responsible for ensuring that pertinent provisions of Board policies, administrative regulations and school rules governing personal ~~communications~~ **electronic** devices are included in ~~staff handbooks~~ and student/parent handbooks, reviewed annually and updated as necessary.

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## **Personal Communication Electronic Devices and Social Media\*\*** (Version 2) (Student may possess a personal electronic device with certain restrictions)

Student possession or use of personal communication 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 communication electronic device (PED)" is a device that emits an audible signal, vibrates, displays a message or otherwise summons or delivers a communication to the possessor of the device. These devices include, but are not limited to, walkie talkies, either long or short range portable radios, portable scanning devices, cellular telephones and pagers, [other digital audio devices (iPods),] personal digital assistants (PDAs), laptop computers and similar devices with wireless capability is capable of electronically communicating, sending, receiving, storing, recording, reproducing and/or displaying information and data.

"Independent communication" means communication that does not require assistance or interpretation by an individual who is not part of the communication but that may require the use or assistance of an electronic device.]

At no time will any device be allowed which provides for a wireless, unfiltered connection to the Internet.

Cellular telephones and pagers [and other digital audio devices] Personal electronic devices shall be turned off during instructional or class time[, during passing times between classes] or at any other time where such use of the device would cause a disruption of school activities. Cellular telephones Devices which have the capability to take "photographs" or "moving pictures" record video or audio shall not be used for such purposes while on district property or while a student is engaged in district-sponsored activities, unless as expressly authorized in advance by the principal or designee. Laptop eComputers, and PDAs tablets, iPads or similar devices brought to school will be restricted to classroom or instructional-related academic activities only and independent communications.

If the district implements a curriculum that uses technology, students may be allowed to use their own personal electronic devices to access the curriculum. Students who are allowed to use their own devices to access the curriculum will be granted access to any application or electronic materials when they are available to students who do not use their own devices, or provided free of charge to students who do not use their own devices, for curriculum.

A process for responding to a student's request to use a personal electronic device, including an appeal process if the request is denied, will be provided.

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

Students may not access social media websites using district equipment, while on district property or at district-sponsored activities unless the posting access is approved by a district representative. The district will not be liable for information/ or comments posted by students on social media websites. Social media websites are websites such as, but not limited to, Facebook, MySpace and Twitter.

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 communication electronic device in any manner that is academically dishonest, illegal or violates the terms of this policy<sup>1</sup>. A referral to law enforcement officials may also be made. Personal communication 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 or property owner, 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 through building handbooks and other means.

END OF POLICY

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## Personal Communication Electronic Devices and Social Media\*\* (Version 3)

(Student may not possess a personal electronic device)

Student possession or use of personal communication electronic devices and social media on district property, in district facilities during the school day and while the student is in attendance at district-sponsored activities is generally prohibited. Exceptions may be made with prior superintendent or designee approval for health, safety or emergency reasons or when use is provided for in a student's individualized education program (IEP). Students may not access social media websites using district equipment, while on district property or at district-sponsored activities unless the posting is approved by a district representative.

[A "personal communication electronic device (PED)" is a device that emits an audible signal, vibrates, displays a message or otherwise summons or delivers a communication to the possessor of the device. These devices include, but are not limited to, walkie talkies, either long or short range portable radios, portable scanning devices, cellular telephones and pagers, [other digital audio devices (iPODs)], personal digital assistants (PDAs), laptop computers and similar devices with wireless capability is capable of electronically communicating, sending, receiving, storing, recording, reproducing and/or displaying information and data.]

Social media websites are websites such as, but not limited to, Facebook, MySpace and Twitter.

Devices attached to, or stored in a student vehicle parked on district property will be exempt from this policy, provided the device is not removed from the vehicle while on district property.

Students in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion.<sup>1</sup> The superintendent shall ensure that the Board's policy is communicated to staff, students and parents through building handbooks and other such means. The district will not be liable for information or comments posted by students on social media websites when the student is not engaged in district activities and not using district equipment.

END OF POLICY

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## Pendleton School District 16R

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### **Personal Communication Devices and Social Media – Students**

All students are strongly encouraged not to have in their possession at any time on any school district property any electronic or personal communication device. However, in recognition of parents' decisions regarding the safety and communication needs of their families, use of such devices may be permitted subject to the limitations set forth in this policy and consistent with any additional school rules as may be established by building administration and approved by the superintendent.

A "personal communication device" is a device that emits an audible signal, vibrates, displays a message or otherwise summons or delivers a communication to the possessor of the device. These devices include, but are not limited to, walkie talkies, either long- or short-range portable radios, portable scanning devices, cellular telephones, pagers, personal digital assistants (PDAs), laptop computers and similar devices with wireless capability.

The mere possession of such devices must not pose a threat to academic integrity, disrupt the learning environment or violate the privacy rights of others.

All such devices shall not be in visible sight or operated during instructional hours.

A student who is isolated and involved in a school investigation will not have access to any communication/electronic device while the investigation is in progress.

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

Students may not utilize social media sites using district equipment, while on district property or at district-sponsored activities unless the use is approved by the principal or designee. Social media web sites are web sites such as, but not limited to, Facebook, MySpace and Twitter.

Students who are found to be in violation of this policy are subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion for using a personal communication device in any manner that is academically dishonest, illegal or violates the terms of this policy. A referral to law enforcement officials may also be made. Personal communication 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 or property owner as appropriate.

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.

Students are responsible for personal communication devices they bring to school. The district shall not be responsible for loss, theft or destruction of devices brought onto school property even when confiscated. Furthermore, the district will not investigate lost, stolen or damaged devices. The district will not be liable for information/comments posted by students on social media web sites when the student is not engaged in district activities and not using district equipment.

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 rules are communicated to students and parents through building handbooks and other means.

END OF POLICY

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