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Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS)

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Board Policy

1. The Board of Education is committed to compliance with federal, state, and local laws and regulations for the use of small unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS) for any purpose or by any person on Duchesne County School District property.
2. The Board also recognizes the responsibility to reduce risks to safety, security, and privacy for the authorization and operation of sUAS for teaching and outreach purposes on District property.
3. The Board authorizes the Superintendent and District Administration to establish administrative regulations consistent with this policy, subject to review and approval of the Board.

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Definitions

1. "Pilot command" (pilot): in the sole person responsible for operation and safety of the sUAS or drone.
2. "Small Unmanned Aircraft System" (sUAS): means an aircraft that weighs less than 55 pounds, including all appurtenances, and that is operated for commercial or educational purposes, without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft.
3. "Visual line-of-sight" (VLOS): means the remote pilot in command, must be able to see the sUAS without obstruction unaided by any device other than corrective lenses.
4. "Weapons" as used in this policy means a firearm as described in [Utah Code §76-10-501](#); or an object that in the manner of the object's use or intended use is capable of causing death, bodily injury, or damage to property.

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Prior Permissions Required; Safe Operation of sUAS; sUAS Use on School Property

Prior Permissions Required:

1. Request for permission to operate a sUAS on school district property directly related to an instructional purpose must be approved by the building principal.
2. Request for permission to operate a sUAS on school district property for a non-instructional purpose must be approved through District Risk Management.
3. Schools or District facilities within five (5) nautical miles of an airport must obtain approval from air traffic control each time before operating a drone on school district property or operate under a letter of agreement approved by the airport.

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Safe Operation of sUAS:

1. sUAS pilots in command shall:
 - a. comply with and follow safety guidelines outlined in the [FAA Advisory circular 107-2](#), including sUAS registration with the FAA;
 - b. complete a preflight check of the sUAS to ensure it is in safe condition for flight;
 - c. operate the sUAS only during daylight hours and only in good weather conditions;
 - d. operate the sUAS at or below 400 feet and remain clear of surrounding obstacles;
 - e. operate the sUAS within VLOS at all times;
 - f. operate the sUAS away from power lines, railways, or wildfires; and
 - g. operate the sUAS clear of and not interfere with other aircraft.
2. A sUAS may not be operated over any person not directly participating in the operation, not under a covered structure, and not inside a covered stationary vehicle.
3. A sUAS may not be operated from a moving aircraft or a moving vehicle.
4. A sUAS may not carry a weapon or hazardous materials.
5. A sUAS pilot in command shall immediately report injuries and destruction of property related to the use of a sUAS on school property to his/her immediate supervisor and District Risk Management.

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sUAS on School Property:

1. A District employee operating a sUAS on school district property must be conversant and follow all federal, state, local laws, regulations and policies governing the operation of sUAS.
2. A student attending a District high school may operate a sUAS on school district property as part of a class explicitly designed for this purpose under the direct supervision of a District employee.
3. A sUAS may not be used during a Utah High School Activities Association (UHSAA) competition.

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Unauthorized Use

1. A District employee shall refuse admission or entry to anyone attempting to use an unauthorized sUAS on school district property during school hours or during a school-sponsored activity; and if necessary, shall remove anyone attempting to use an unauthorized drone and/or confiscate the sUAS and report the incident to the District's Risk Manager.