

Molalla River School District Board Policy

Code: JFCEB
Adopted:

Personal Electronic Devices

Student use of a personal electronic device is prohibited from the start of regular instructional hours until the end of regular instructional hours, except as provided below.

Except as otherwise provided in this policy, “personal electronic device” means any portable, electrically powered device that is capable of making and receiving calls and text messages and accessing the internet independently from the school’s network infrastructure.¹ This includes headphones and earbuds attached to personal electronic devices. This does not include a laptop computer or other device required to support academic activities while accessing the school’s network infrastructure.

Exemptions from this prohibition may be made only when use complies with the terms of one or both of the following:

1. The student’s medical provider’s order for the care and treatment of a medical condition;²
2. The student’s individualized education program, as defined in ORS 343.035 or an education plan developed for the student in accordance with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794);³

Personal electronic devices may be kept by students in lockers or backpacks, and may be stored on the student’s person. Devices may not disrupt school with audible sounds of any sort.

Students in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action. Discipline for mere possession or use of a personal electronic device may not include loss of instructional time for the student (suspension or expulsion), but could include detention, Saturday school, etc. However, if the actions taken by a student violate another conduct policy, the student may be subject to discipline up to and including expulsion.⁴

Any necessary communications between students and parents or caregivers during the school day must be made through the school office.

¹ This includes personal electronic devices that can make calls, send texts, or access the internet via cellular data are restricted. This includes smartphones, web-enabled flip phones, cellular-capable tablets and e-readers, smartwatches, smart glasses, and connected headphones or earbuds. This does not include laptop computers or other devices required to support academic activities.

² JFCEB-AR must be submitted to the building administrator, along with a copy of the order.

³ If use of the personal electronic device is included in the individualized education program or education plan, JFCEB-AR submission is not required.

⁴ For example: a student could be disciplined with lost instructional time for using a personal electronic device to bully another student. Discipline will be in accordance with Board policies.

The superintendent or designee shall ensure this policy is posted on the district website and made available to district personnel, students, parents, guardians, partners who are in school buildings during the school day, and the Oregon Department of Education.

In accordance with ORS 336.840, students may be allowed to use personal electronic devices that support academic activities and independent communications⁵, except as prohibited by this policy. In academic activities in which a personal electronic device is required as part of the curriculum, students may be allowed, but not required to use their own personal electronic devices for that portion of the curriculum. Students using their own device must be granted access to any applications or electronic materials that are available to students who do not use their own personal electronic devices. These applications must be free of charge if students who do not use their own devices have access free of charge.

Requests for exemptions to this policy shall be processed in accordance with JFCEB-AR, Request for Personal Electronic Devices Exemption.

This policy takes effect on August 15, 2025.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)

[ORS 336.840](#)

Oregon Executive Order 25-09

⁵ “Independent communication means communication that does not require assistance or interpretation by an individual who is not part of the conversation, but that may require the use or assistance of an electronic device. ORS 336.840(1).