

Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media - Student

Student possession or use of personal electronic devices on ESD property, in ESD facilities during the school day and while the student is in attendance at ESD-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 administrator or program director and approved by the superintendent.

A “personal electronic device (PED)” is a device, which may or may not be issued by the ESD, which includes but not limited to devices capable of electronically communicating, sending, receiving, storing, recording, reproducing and/or displaying information and data.

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 the education environment. Devices which have the capability to take photographs or record video or audio shall not be used in a manner that causes substantial disruption to the educational process.

If the ESD 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 ESD will not be liable for personal electronic devices not issued by the ESD that are brought to ESD property and ESD-sponsored activities.

Exceptions to 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 an electronic device in any manner that is academically dishonest, illegal or violates the terms of ESD policy¹. A referral to law enforcement officials may also be made. Personal electronic devices brought to ESD 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

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 334.125](#)

[ORS 336.840](#)

Copyrights, 17 U.S.C. §§ 101-1332; 19 CFR Part 133 (2006).

¹The 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.