



JICJ - STUDENT POSSESSION AND USE OF PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY DEVICES

The Board of Education believes personal technology devices may be useful tools for students in the educational environment and can play a vital communication role during emergency situations. Student use of personal technology devices is limited during the school day, in order to reduce distractions, support learning, and promote safety. These limitations do not apply to any device used as an accommodation for a disability.

Definitions:

For purposes of this policy, these terms have the following meanings:

- **“Emergency situation”** means a situation that threatens loss of life, personal injury and/or damage to the personal property of the affected student. Reporting an emergency situation is an appropriate use of personal technology devices.
- **“Personal technology device” or “PTD”** means any privately-owned portable technology device, including, but not limited to, cell phones, tablets, laptops, personal locators/GPS monitoring devices, cameras, wearables (watches), audio and/or video recorders and players, and all other hand-held electronic communication and data storage devices.

Restrictions on Use of PTDs:

Students may only use PTDs on District property, on a District vehicle, at a District or school-sponsored activity or event, when:

1. The use does not pose a distraction or disruption to the learning environment. Distracting or disruptive PTD use includes any use that is contrary to law, District policy, or school rules;
2. During the instructional day, such use has a reasonable connection to school or any District curricular or non-curricular activity or event and such use is expressly authorized by the principal, designee, or instructional staff;
3. If in the classroom or participating in or attending education related activities, if such use is expressly authorized by the principal, designee, or instructional staff; and
4. If on a district vehicle, if the use does not interfere with or disrupt the safe operation of the vehicle.

Students may use a PTD beyond these parameters if there is an emergency situation and use of the PTD does not interfere with response to the emergency.

Students may not use any camera or video recording capability of a PTD in a bathroom or locker room, or anywhere else that would violate a person's reasonable expectation of privacy.

Use of Personal Technology Devices will be permitted as accommodations for a disability (under federal law) or for English learning, when included in applicable student plans as outlined in Colorado and federal law. Care should be taken to write such plans in a way that does not conflict with this policy or overly restrict the relevant use of technology to support necessary use.

Students who violate any of the foregoing rules are subject to one or more of the following consequences for each violation:

1. Confiscation of the PTD possessed or used in violation of the rules for a period of time to be determined by the principal or designee, up to and including the remainder of the school year. The return of confiscated PTDs may be conditioned on a meeting between the student's parent/caregiver and the principal or designee to discuss the violation and steps that may be taken to ensure future compliance with the rules in this policy. When confiscating a PTD, the principal or designee will consider any legitimate communication need of the student and may allow brief supervised use (such as to contact a parent/caregiver).
2. Receiving a failing grade with respect to any test or assignment during which the student possessed or used a PTD in violation of the rules in this policy should such use constitute academic dishonesty or cheating, as defined in District Policy JS – Student Use of District Information Technology.
3. Discipline, including suspension or expulsion from school.
4. Referral of the matter to law enforcement authorities when the student's PTD possession or use may involve a violation of the law.

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Cross References:

JS - Student Use of District Information Technology

JKDA/JKEA – Grounds for Suspension/Expulsion of Students

Legal Reference:

C.R.S. 22-1-149 (Policy for student possession and use of communication devices)