



## JICJ - STUDENT POSSESSION AND USE OF PERSONAL COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY DEVICES

As used in this policy, “personal communication device” or “PCD” is defined to include all student cell phones, pagers, iPods, MP3 players, zunes, personal digital assistants, cameras, 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 possess and use PCDsPTDs on District property, on a District vehicle, at a District or school-sponsored activity or event, and off District property when such possession or use has a reasonable connection to school or any District curricular or non-curricular activity or event, in accordance with the following rules when:

1. 1. Students shall The use does not use PCDs at pose a distraction or disruption to the learning environment. Distracting or disruptive PTD use includes any time they are reuse 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;

~~If in class~~ the classroom or participating in or attending education-related activities, unless otherwise expressly authorized by the principal or his/her designee.

~~2. Students shall keep PCDs out of sight at all times they are in class and at all times they are participating in or attending education-related activities, unless otherwise~~ activities, if such use is expressly authorized by the principal or his/her designee.

~~3. Students shall keep PCDs turned off or dormant at all times they are in class and at all times they are participating in or attending education-related activities, unless otherwise expressly authorized by the principal or his/her designee. In this regard, "dormant" means elimination of all vibration alerts, alarms, ringtones, flashes, and other methods of notification of incoming calls or messages.~~

~~3. 4. Students shall not use PCDs when they are not in class, or when they are not otherwise participating in or attending education-related activities if such use disrupts the educational process, interferes with or disrupts school operations, or interferes with or disrupts a District or school-sponsored activity or event, as determined by the principal or his/her designees.~~ instructional staff; and

~~4. 5. Students shall not use PCDs~~ if on District vehicles in a manner that may ~~disturb~~ district vehicle, if the use does not interfere with or disrupt the safe operation of the vehicle, ~~as determined by District transportation officials or their designees.~~

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

~~Students may not use any camera or video recording capabilities at any time they are~~ capability of a PTD in a bathroom, or locker room or other location where such use could, or anywhere else that would violate another person's reasonable expectation of privacy, and shall keep PCDs with cameras and/or video recording capabilities out of sight at all times they are in a bathroom, locker room or other location where such PCDs could violate another ~~person's reasonable expectation of privacy.~~

~~7. Students shall not use PCDs to send, receive or store pornography or sexually oriented images, photographs, videos, or messages in written or audio form, that may be reasonably perceived as having the purpose or effect of stimulating erotic feelings or appealing to prurient interests.~~

~~8. Students shall not possess or use PCDs in any manner that involves a violation of any law, District policy or regulation, or established school rules.~~

~~Rules 1-3 above shall not apply to the extent they conflict with a student's IEP or Section 504 Plan. Rules 1-4 above shall not apply in an emergency situation affecting a student at school. As used in this policy, an "emergency situation" is defined as a situation that threatens loss of life, personal injury and/or damage to the personal property of the affected student.~~

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 PCDPTD possessed or used in violation of the rules for a period of time to be determined by the principal or ~~his/her~~ designee, up to and including the remainder of the school year. ~~The return of confiscated PCDsPTDs may be conditioned on a meeting between the student's parent/guardiancaregiver and the principal or his/her 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 PCDPTD 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 PCDPTD possession or use may involve a violation of the law.

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~~CROSS REFS~~Revised by Board:

**Cross References:**

JS, - Student Use of District Computers, E-Mail & Internet Access Information Technology  
JKDA/JKEA – Grounds for Suspension/Expulsion of Students

**Legal Reference:**

| [C.R.S. 22-1-149 \(Policy for student possession and use of communication devices\)](#)