

2363 PUPIL USE OF PRIVATELY-OWNED TECHNOLOGY

The Board of Education recognizes technology is always changing and as a result of increased accessibility to technology many pupils possess technology devices for their use during non-school hours. These privately-owned devices may be beneficial to pupils during school hours for approved educational purposes. Therefore, the Board of Education will allow pupils to use their privately-owned technology devices under conditions outlined in this Policy.

For the purpose of this Policy, “technology” means hardware or software.

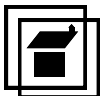
For the purpose of this Policy, “privately-owned” means technology hardware and software that is purchased, owned, and maintained by the pupil at no expense to the school or school district.

For the purpose of this Policy, “hardware” means any device that can store, access, retrieve, and/or communicate data or information. “Hardware” may include, but is not limited to, any type of computer device; wireless telephone; electronic reader; personal digital assistant (PDAs); video broadcasting and/or recording device; or camera.

For the purpose of this Policy, “software” means any computer program(s) or related data that provide instruction for telling a computer or other hardware device what to do and how to do it.

The use of privately-owned technology by a pupil in the educational program during the school day must be approved by the pupil’s parent or legal guardian and the school teaching staff member responsible for supervising and/or providing the pupil’s instructional program. A teaching staff member may approve a pupil’s use of privately-owned technology based on the assignment(s) to the pupil. The teaching staff member may also prohibit the use of privately-owned technology for an assignment(s).

Beepers and other remote paging devices are not permitted on school grounds. Students found in possession of electronic paging devices must surrender the article immediately and will face disciplinary action as described in the Student Code of Conduct (Code 611) **Cell-Phones must be turned off and should not be in use or visible during school hours.**



This includes all phones in the direct connect, ringer and/or vibrate modes. The camera feature of cell phones must also be turned off, and is not permitted to be used during the school day. Radios, headphones, iPods, cassette/CD players, and MP3 players are not to be in use during school hours. Cell phones and electronic devices that are visible and/or heard will be confiscated by the teacher or administrator. The device(s) will only be returned to the parent after a conference has been held with the administrator. The 1st violation will result in the device(s) being taken for 30 days. A 2nd violation will result in the device being withheld for 60 days, and a 3rd violation will result in the device being taken and not returned until the end of the school year. **Refusal to turn over an electronic device will result in a 4 day Out of School Suspension.**

Teaching staff members must get prior approval from their immediate supervisor or Principal before allowing pupils to use privately-owned technology during instruction time.

Pupils who use privately-owned technology in school will not be given access to the school district's computer server(s) or network(s). In the event the teaching staff member approves the use of privately-owned technology to access the Internet, the access must be through the privately-owned technology without the use of any school district hardware or software. A teaching staff member who approves a pupil to use their privately-owned technology to access the Internet during instructional time will provide the pupil with a list of approved Internet sites the pupil is permitted to access. A pupil granted such permission must comply with school district policies and regulations regarding acceptable use of computers and technology. Any use of privately-owned technology by a pupil shall be in strict accordance with the teaching staff member's specific approval(s) and Board policies and regulations. Any violation will subject the pupil to appropriate discipline and/or grading consequences.

The teaching staff member, in considering the use of privately-owned technology, will ensure such approval does not provide any advantage or benefit to the pupil who owns such technology over the pupil who does not own such technology. The teaching staff member will not approve the use of privately-owned technology if the teaching staff member determines the use would be advantageous or beneficial to the pupil who owns such technology over the pupil who does not own such technology.

The school district assumes no responsibility for any privately-owned technology brought to school by a pupil. The pupil shall be responsible for the proper operation and use of any privately-owned technology brought to school. School staff members shall not be responsible for the effective use and/or technical support for any privately-owned technology.



POLICY

PROGRAM

2363/page 1 of 3

Pupil Use of Privately-Owned Technology

The school district shall assume no responsibility for the security of or damage to any privately-owned technology brought to school by a pupil. Pupils are encouraged to purchase private insurance for loss, damage, or theft of any privately-owned technology the pupil brings to school.

Adopted: 14 May 2014

