

Board Policy S-11: Student Electronic Devices in Schools



REFERENCES

[S-11: Administrative Procedures, Student Electronic Devices in Schools](#)
[Utah Code Ann. §53G-8-202, Public School Discipline Policies – Basis of the Policies – Enforcement](#)
[Utah Admin. Code R277-495, Electronic Devices in Public Schools](#)

THE POLICY

The Salt Lake City School District Board of Education recognizes that cell phone and smart device use has increased dramatically among youth and adolescents, and acknowledges research showing that reducing the use of cell phones in class can improve student concentration and learning and reduce pressure caused by social media. The board allows the responsible use of cell phones and other electronic devices at school in accordance with all applicable state laws, district administrative procedures, and school rules. Except as authorized by state law or in the accompanying administrative procedures, students are not allowed to use a cellphone, smart watch, or similar personally-owned technology at school during classroom hours. Students and parents should carefully weigh the risks of bringing personal electronic devices to school as they can be damaged, lost, or stolen.

The purpose of this policy is to create clear and consistent expectations for students, staff, and families related to the use of personal electronic devices on school property or at school events.

The district has set forth its specific processes for implementing this board policy through the accompanying [administrative procedures](#).

No district employee or student shall be subjected to discrimination in employment or any district program or activity on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, gender identity, genetic information, national origin, pregnancy, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status. The district is committed to providing equal access and equal opportunity in its programs, services and employment including its policies, complaint processes, program accessibility, district facility use, accommodations and other Equal Employment Opportunity matters. The district also provides equal access to district facilities for all youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United State Codes, including scouting groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries and complaints regarding unlawful discrimination, harassment, and retaliation: Tina Hatch, Compliance and Investigations/Title IX Coordinator, 406 East 100 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, (801) 578-8388. You may also contact the Office for Civil Rights, Denver, CO, (303) 844-5695.