

Student Use of Cell Phones and Other Personal Technology Devices

The Board of Education (the “Board”) for Mapleton Public Schools (the “District”) believes personal technology devices may be useful tools for students in the educational environment and can play a vital communication role during emergency situations. However, use of personal technology devices in school situations must be regulated to assure that the use of such devices does not disrupt or interfere with the educational process or school operations. Students may only use personal technology devices on District property, on a District vehicle, or at a District or school-sponsored activity or event in accordance with this policy.

For purposes of this policy, “personal technology devices” includes any privately-owned portable technology device, including but not limited to cell phones, pagers, tablets, laptops, cameras, audio and/or video recorders and players, watches, and all other hand-held electronic communication and data storage devices.

Each school may establish rules and procedures regarding student use of personal technology devices during the school day.

Subject to school rules, students may use personal technology devices as a designated tool for learning if authorized by the student’s teacher. It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that personal technology devices are turned off, placed in silent mode, or secured in designated locations during unauthorized times.

Student use of personal technology devices with cameras and/or video recording capabilities is prohibited in locker rooms, bathrooms, or any other location where such use could violate another person’s reasonable expectation of privacy.

Students shall not use personal technology devices to engage in, promote, or facilitate any other conduct that violates the student code of conduct, other District policies or regulations, or State or Federal law. Any student who chooses to bring a personal technology device to school, on District property, on a District vehicle, or at a District or school-sponsored activity or event must comply with District policy JS: Student Use of the Internet and Electronic Communications.

Violation of this policy or any other District, school, or classroom rule or regulation on student use of personal technology devices may result in disciplinary measures and/or temporary confiscation of the personal technology device. Confiscated devices shall be returned to the student’s parent/guardian only after a conference with the student, his or her parent/guardian, and school personnel. If the school director (or designee) believes a student’s possession or use of a personal technology device may involve a violation of the law, the school director (or designee) may refer the matter to law enforcement.

The District shall not be responsible for loss, theft, or destruction of personal technology devices brought onto school or District property or while the student is attending District or school-sponsored activities or events.

Adopted June 27, 2017, by the School Board for Mapleton Public Schools.

LEGAL REFERENCES:

C.R.S. § 18-7-109 (*posting, possession, or exchange of a private image by a juvenile*)

CROSS REFERENCES:

JIC: Student Conduct (and subcodes)

JIH: Student Interviews, Interrogations, Searches, and Arrests

JK: Student Discipline (and subcodes)

JS: Student Use of the Internet and Electronic Communications