AUTHORIZED USE OF SCHOOL-OWNED MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT

The Board of Education permits the use of district-owned materials and equipment (e.g., laptop computers, cell phones, audio-visual equipment, etc.) by Board members, officers, and employees of the district when such material and equipment is needed for district-related purposes.

The Superintendent of Schools, in consultation with the School Business Official, shall establish regulations governing the loan and use of such equipment. Such regulations must address:

- the individuals who may properly authorize the use of such material and/or equipment;
- the lack of authority of the borrower to use such material or equipment for private, non-business purposes;
- the responsibilities of the borrower for proper use, care and maintenance;
- that, regardless of condition or other factors, all loaned equipment must be returned to the district. No item may be sold to or purchased by the borrower unless such equipment has been returned to the district for evaluation and, if necessary, disposal in accordance with district policy and procedures.

All equipment shall be inventoried and a list shall be maintained of the date such equipment was loaned, to whom it was loaned, and the date of expected and actual return.

Individuals borrowing district-owned equipment shall be fully liable for any damage or loss occurring to the equipment during the period of its use, and shall be responsible for its safe return. In addition, any time Board members, officers and employees are issued district owned equipment, it is in connection with their work responsibilities, and the individual using the district owned equipment shall not have an expectation of privacy with respect to information contained on the device (e.g., computer files, images, messages).

The Business Office shall maintain records of all equipment that is loaned for long-term use (e.g., school year, term of office, etc.) and shall review such list yearly.

Cross-ref: 8332, Use of District Owned Cell Phones

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