



# INS-A004-ELECTRONIC RESOURCES: STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE

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## ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

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### INSTRUCTION

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#### SUMMARY

The Salem-Keizer School District is committed to providing access to electronic resources for the advancement and promotion of learning and teaching. While electronic devices are permitted on campus, our desire is to cultivate a safe learning environment that is free from disruptions.

#### DEFINITIONS

##### CIPA

Children’s Internet Protection Act: A federal law enacted by congress to address concerns about access to offensive content over the Internet on school and library computers.

##### Electronic Resources

The District’s electronic resources include but are not limited to computers, tablets, smart phones, peripherals, networks, email, telecommunications, and internet connections. This includes accounts and services established for schoolwork that can be accessed both from home and school.

##### Independent Communication

Communication that does not require assistance or interpretation by an individual who is not part of the communication but that may require the use or assistance of an electronic device.

##### Personal Electronic Devices

Computers and handheld mobile devices including but not limited to, iPod, iPod Touch, iPhone, iPad, Android Phones, Android Tablet, Nook, Kindle, Kindle Fire, etc., which are not owned by the district. Electronic devices also include ear buds or other types of headphones.

### INSTRUCTION

1. Access to electronic resources is a privilege, not a right and entails responsibility. It is expected that students adhere to the same standards for communicating online that are expected in the classroom and are consistent with District policy and procedure.
2. The use and access to electronic resources (including cell phones) will vary based on what is developmentally appropriate for the grade level of the students, the extent to which this access can support the educational environment, and the degree of potential disruptions that can occur as a result student usage. As a result, the following policy guidelines will be enacted for each grade level.
  - a. High Schools: Students may use cell phones in common areas (ex. lunch) and during passing times during the school day. Use of cell phones during classroom instruction for academic purposes will be a school-based decision. [See exception to policy for schools using cell phone pouches 2c. below]
  - b. K-8: Students may use cell phones before and after the school day. During the school day, students are not allowed to use their phones in classrooms, common areas (lunch) or during passing times. Use of cell phones during classroom instruction specifically for academic purposes will be a school-based decision and only allowed in certain situations. In general, students will be asked to turn their cell phones off and place them inside of their backpacks, or with the main office or their locker (if available). Parents who need immediate communication with their student are asked to call the school’s main office. [See exception to policy for schools using cell phone pouches 2c. below]

- c. Secondary schools implementing a system of cell phone management using cell phone pouches, have the following expectations. Students with cell phones will be issued a cell phone pouch for their use during the school year. Students are expected to place their cell phones inside of their cell phone pouch upon arrival inside of the school building each day. Cell phones will remain inside of this pouch for the remainder of the school day. The pouch may be opened as the student is leaving the school after the dismissal bell. Students will remain in possession of their cell phone during the day by storing it in their backpack, purse, locker, etc. Exceptions may be made for students who need access due to a medical condition. This requirement also pertains to ear buds, smart watches, and other similar electronic items.
3. Students granted permission to use personal electronic devices for academic activities shall follow the rules established by their school regarding non-school related use such as, but not limited to, phone calls, emails, texts, and use of social media and are prohibited from:
  - a. Connecting to a District owned PC or Laptop using any type of connection, e.g., USB, Firewire, Bluetooth, Wireless.
  - b. Loading District-owned software or applications purchased using District funds, onto personal mobile devices, desktops, laptops, or other personal electronic devices.
4. The district is not responsible for the security, support, usage charges, damage, or theft of personal electronic devices. Students shall take precautions to protect personal electronic devices by:
  - a. Not leaving their personal electronic devices unattended
  - b. Passwords protect all electronic personal devices
5. Students using either District owned, or personal electronic devices shall adhere to the following:
  - a. Students shall respect and protect the intellectual property and privacy of self and others.
    - i. Respect and practice the principles of community.
    - ii. Use only assigned accounts.
    - iii. Not view, use, or copy passwords, data, or networks to which they are not authorized.
    - iv. Not distribute confidential information about others.
    - v. Not use electronic resources to haze, harass, bully, intimidate or menace others (INS-A003).
    - vi. Not post photographic images or videos of any other person on campus on public and/or social networking sites.
    - vii. Not infringe copyrights including, but not limited to making illegal copies of music, games, or movies.
  - b. Students shall respect, conserve, and protect the integrity, availability, and security of all electronic resources
    - i. Observe all network security practices, as documented and/or given verbally by District staff.
    - ii. Report security risks and violations to a staff member.
    - iii. Not destroy or damage data, networks, computers, peripherals, or other resources.
    - iv. Use only those electronic resources designated for student use, not those designated for teacher use without prior approval.
  - c. Students shall report threatening or discomfoting materials to a staff member.
    - i. Not intentionally use processes, services, or websites that violate CIPA law (i.e., proxy avoidance) or District policy.
    - ii. Not intentionally access, transmit, copy, or create material that violates the Student Rights and Responsibilities or District policy.
    - iii. Not intentionally access, transmit, copy, or create material that is illegal (including but not limited to obscenity, stolen materials, or illegal copies of copyrighted works).
    - iv. Not use electronic resources to further other acts that are criminal, including unauthorized access to computer applications, e.g., "hacking", or violate District policy.
    - v. Not send spam, chain letters, or other mass unsolicited mailings.
    - vi. Not buy, sell, advertise, or otherwise conduct business, unless approved as a school project by a staff member.
6. Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary and/or legal action in accordance with District policy and procedures.
7. The district, in accordance with Federal law, employs a filtering system on all internet access to protect minors from inappropriate materials as determined by the Children's Internet Protection Act.
8. If the District adopts curriculum that requires technology, students will either be provided access to district-owned electronic devices or may be allowed to use personal devices and granted, free of charge, access to any electronic materials or applications needed to access the curriculum.

- a. If a student is denied the opportunity to use personal electronic devices to access district adopted curriculum as described in section 11 of this policy, they may appeal the decision to the principal or designee.
9. This policy will be available to the appropriate staff, parents/legal guardians, and students via the district's website.

## **APPLICABILITY**

All Students

## **ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS**

Discipline Students - INS-P028

Internet Filtering - TIS-A004

Rights and Responsibilities – INS-M001

School Registration - INS-F003

Student Personal Equipment Use Waiver - STS-F071

Student Technicians Confidentiality Agreement - TIS-F022

Student User Agreement for Assigned District Electronic Resources - INS-F045

## **APPROVAL AUTHORITY**

Deputy Superintendent

## **REVISION HISTORY**

10/20/15 – Removed language prohibiting connecting to the district's network.

7/15/22 – Updated tech usage to be more current; changed usage by level.

10/30/24 – Updated 2(c) to include language around cell phone pouches.

11/12/2024 – Updated typo in #2 to reflect 2(c)