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726 UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE (DRONE)

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to assist the school district in promoting safety, reducing injuries, and complying with federal, state, state high school league, and local laws, regulations, and policies. In addition, the school district recognizes its responsibility in regard to the protection of the privacy rights of students as provided in federal law and state statutes.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

Without written pre-approval from the Superintendent or designee, the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV), also known as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any person on properties owned, maintained, or used by Hayfield Community Public Schools.

III. DEFINITIONS

A. For purposes of this policy, an "unmanned aerial vehicle", or "UAV", is any aircraft without a human pilot aboard the device.

B. "School property" is defined as all buildings and grounds, instructional or otherwise, indoors and outdoors.

1. Some examples include, but are not limited to: classrooms, hallways, gymnasiums, pools, athletic fields, parking lots, busses, bus stops, and travel to and from bus stops.

2. This also includes all buildings and grounds used, and not owned, by Hayfield Community Area Schools for school sponsored events and activities, instructional or otherwise.

IV. GUIDELINES

A. School personnel shall refuse admission or entry to anyone attempting to use a UAV.

B. School personnel will report UAV activity on School property to an Administrator.

C. When possible, school personnel shall confiscate UAVs used on School property.

V. PROCEDURES

A. All UAVs must be properly registered with the Federal Aviation Administration, and operators must follow FAA model aircraft operation limits as well as comply with federal and state law for model aircraft operation. Proper safety precautions must be taken when flying.

B. Operators must comply with district policies, federal law, and state statutes in regard to privacy of students and staff.

C. Any employee wishing to operate a UAV on School Property, for educational purposes, can seek permission from the Superintendent or designee.

D. Requests for permission must be submitted to the Superintendent's office in writing at least 30 days prior to date of use.

Legal References:
P.L. 112-95 Section 336 (FAA Modernization and Reform Act)
20 U.S.C. §1232g et. seq. (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)
34 C.F.R. §§ 99.1-99.67 (Family Educational Rights and Privacy)
Minn. Stat. Ch. 13 (Minnesota Government Data Practices Act)
Minn. Rules Pts. 1205.0100-1205.2000 (Data Practices)

Cross References:
District 203 Policy 515 (Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records)