

# SMYRNA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## *POLICY*

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<b>Section:</b>	<b>5000 Students</b>	<b>Office Responsible:</b>	<b>Operations</b>
<b>Policy:</b>	<b>5105 Personal Electronic Device</b>		
<b>Related Policies:</b>	<b>5100 Code of Conduct</b>		
<b>Administrative Procedure:</b>	N/A		

### I. Purpose

To focus on education and eliminate distraction of Personal Electronic Devices during instructional periods.

### II. Authority

*Delaware Code, Title 14\**

### III. Definitions

**Medical Exemption:** Prescribed by a medical professional.

**Personal Electronic Device:** Any electronic device not actively being used for instructional purposes.

### IV. Policy Statement

During instructional periods, personal electronic devices are deemed contraband unless turned off and placed in a designated area at the beginning of each instructional period except for medical exemptions. This applies to all personal electronic devices, including devices capable of audio, video, or image recording, as well as wearable technology. (i.e. smart watches, smart glasses)

Only students with medical exemptions shall be authorized to use their personal electronic device for prescribed medical purposes. Use of personal electronic devices for medical exemptions must be pre-approved by the Smyrna School District.

The use of personal electronic devices is permitted during non-instructional periods in the school building. This does not apply to wearable technology that may be used to record others without consent. (i.e. smart watches, smart glasses)

Parents/Guardians will be notified when their child’s personal electronic device has been confiscated and may be required to pick up the device during normal business hours.

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Parents/Guardians/Students can access additional information related to the use of personal electronic devices in the student code of conduct, S1009, which is linked on each school's website.

In the event a personal electronic device is confiscated for violation of this policy, the device shall be considered contraband, and the Smyrna School District bears no responsibility for loss, theft, or damage. The Smyrna School District undertakes no duty to care for personal electronic devices brought to school, or for loss, theft, or damage under any circumstance.

## V. Consequences

**First Offense:** Confiscation of personal electronic device for the remainder of the school day. Students may retrieve the personal electronic device from the school's main office at the end of the school day.

**Second and Subsequent Offenses:** Confiscation of personal electronic device for the remainder of the school day. Parent/Guardian may retrieve the personal electronic device from the school's main office during normal business hours.

\*Italics indicate Delaware Regulation Administrative Code Title 14 wording

Board Approval Acknowledged by:



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Smyrna School District Board of Education

### Policy Actions

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