

STUDENT USE OF PRIVATELY-OWNED ELECTRONIC DEVICES AT SCHOOL

All students, from Pre-K through Grade 12, are prohibited from using cell phones and other personal electronic devices with Internet or cellular network connectivity capabilities for the duration of the entire school day, from starting to dismissal, except as otherwise permitted in this policy. Students are not permitted to carry/wear or access on their person, personal cell phones, smart watches, or other PEDs during the school day.

Exceptions to the prohibition on use may be granted for monitoring or management of a health condition in accordance with a health care provider's order as incorporated into the student's individual health plan (IHP) (e.g., glucose monitoring); implementation of a student's IEP; a documented Section 504 accommodation for an individual student (e.g., use of assistive technology); in-language support services for emergent English language learners when no other translation option is reasonably available; or in an emergency situation as authorized by the building administrator in accordance with Scarborough Public Schools' health and safety and emergency management plan.

Privately owned electronic devices covered by the following provisions include cell phones and other personal electronic devices with Internet or cellular network connectivity.

For all privately owned electronic devices, the following apply:

1. At all times, the use of privately owned electronic cameras and/or the camera/video/sound recording functions on any privately owned electronic device is strictly prohibited in certain areas of Scarborough Public Schools, including the cafeteria, locker rooms, restrooms, and buses.
2. At all times, accessing, viewing, submitting, forwarding, downloading or displaying any materials that are defamatory, abusive, obscene, vulgar, sexually explicit, sexually suggestive, threatening, discriminatory, harassing, bullying and/or illegal is prohibited during school hours and/or at any school sponsored activities.
3. Students' privately-owned electronic devices may be subject to search if there is reasonable suspicion that a student is violating Board policies, procedures or school rules, or engaging in other misconduct and that the device may contain relevant evidence. School administrators may confiscate such devices for as long as necessary to complete their investigation.
4. Disciplinary action may be taken against students who violate policies, rules, or laws, and/or whose conduct directly interferes with the operations, discipline or general welfare of the school.

Scarborough Public Schools will not be responsible for loss, theft, or damage to students' cell phones and other personal electronic devices with Internet or cellular network connectivity brought into schools or onto school property, including school buses, parking lots, athletic fields and/or any other school facilities.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA § 1001(23)

Cross Reference: JIH - Questioning and Searches of Students
JICIA - Weapons, Violence, Bullying and School Safety
IJNDB - Student Computer and Internet Use.
IJNDB-R - Student Computer and Internet Use Regulations
JIC – System-Wide Student Code of Conduct
JICK – Bullying and Cyberbullying Prevention in Schools

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