[See POLICY ALERT Nos. 199 and 238]

7523 SCHOOL DISTRICT PROVIDED TECHNOLOGY DEVICES TO STUDENTS

The Board of Education may provide technology devices to students in the **school** district for ~~school~~ district authorized use only. The purpose of this Policy is to establish general guidelines for the issuance and utilization of any ~~school~~ district technology device provided to students ~~of this district~~. For the purpose~~s~~ of this Policy, "technology device" or "device" shall include, but not be limited to, portable devices such as computers, laptops, tablets, cellular telephones, or any other computing or electronic devices the ~~school~~ district provides to students to be used as part of their educational program.

A technology device made available to students will not be considered a textbook or supply, as defined in N.J.S.A. 18A:34-1**.**, mandatory to a successful completion of the classroom curriculum. Therefore, because a technology device defined in this Policy is not mandatory to a successful completion of a student's classroom curriculum, a student will not be required to obtain a technology device provided by the ~~school~~ district as defined in this Policy. In the event the ~~school~~ district provides a technology device that is deemed mandatory to a successful completion of the classroom curriculum, the district will provide students with such a technology device consistent with its textbook or supply policies. ~~Nothing in this Policy prohibits a student from using their personal technology device in accordance with school rules and regulations.~~

A technology device provided by the ~~school~~ district may include pre-loaded software. A student is prevented from downloading additional software onto the technology device or tampering with software installed on the technology device. Only ~~school~~ district authorized staff members may load or download software onto a ~~school~~ district provided technology device.

To receive a ~~school~~ district provided technology device, the parent and student must sign a School District Provided Technology Device Form requiring the parent and the student to comply with certain provisions. These provisions may include, but are not limited to:

1. A ~~school~~ district provided technology device must be used only by the student for ~~school~~ district authorized use;

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2. A student shall comply with the ~~school~~ district's acceptable use of technology policies, which shall be attached to the School District Provided Technology Device Form, in their use of any ~~school~~ district provided technology device;

3. Any ~~school~~ district provided technology device loaned to a student must be returned to the ~~school~~ district in the condition it was initially provided to the student considering reasonable use and care by the student;

4. The parent or student shall be responsible to reimburse the ~~school~~ district the cost of any technology device that is lost, damaged beyond reasonable use or beyond its value, abandoned, missing, stolen, or cannot be returned to the district in accordance with the terms of the School District Provided Technology Device Form;

5. The district may require, or offer as an option, depending on the type of technology device provided to the student, an insurance policy to be purchased by the parent or student that would cover certain losses or damage to a technology device during the time period the student has possession of the device. The parent or the student shall pay any insurance policy required deductibles in the event of a loss;

6. In the event the ~~school~~ district does not require the purchase of an insurance policy for a technology device or the parent or student elects not to purchase optional insurance, the parent and/or student shall be responsible for any loss or damage to the technology device in accordance with the terms of the School District Provided Technology Device Form;

7. A student will be required to report any hardware or software problems in the operation of the device to the ~~school~~ district staff member, designated on the School District Provided Technology Device Form, within two school days of the commencement of the problem;

8. A student must report to the ~~school~~ district staff member designated on the School District Provided Technology Device Form within two school days in the event the technology device has been damaged or is missing;

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9. A parent or student is required to immediately file a police report in the event it is believed the technology device has been stolen. Within one school day after filing a police report, a parent or student shall complete the School District Provided Technology Device Loss Form and submit the completed Loss Form and a copy of the police report to the Principal or designee;

10. A student shall be required to provide routine cleaning and care of the device in accordance with ~~school~~ district cleaning and care guidelines;

11. The student shall have the technology device in their possession in school as required; and

12. Any other provisions the Superintendent of Schools determines should be included on the School District Provided Technology Device Form.

13. ~~Other -~~ _____
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14. ~~Other -~~ _____
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15. ~~Other -~~ _____
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The ~~school~~ district will provide the student and parent with written or electronic notification that the technology device provided by the school district may record or collect information on the student's activity or the student's use of the technology device if the device is equipped with a camera, global positioning system, or other feature capable of recording or collecting information on the student's activity or use of the device. This notification shall also include a statement that the ~~school~~ district shall not use any of the capabilities in a manner that would violate the privacy rights of the student or any individual residing with the student. The parent **of the student** shall ~~be required to~~ acknowledge receipt of this notification**.** ~~and~~ **T**~~t~~he **district** ~~parent acknowledgement~~ shall ~~be~~ retain~~ed~~ **the acknowledgement** ~~by the Principal or designee~~ for as long as the student retains the use of the ~~school district provided~~ technology device. The parent

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acknowledgement and a signed School District Provided Technology Device Form shall be required before the issuance of a technology device to a student. In accordance with **N.J.S.A. 18A:36-39.** ~~the provisions of P.L. 2013, Chapter 44~~, a ~~school~~ district failing to provide this notification shall be subject to a fine of $250 per student, per incident. The fine shall be remitted to the New Jersey Department of Education, and shall be deposited in a fund that shall be used to provide laptop or other portable computer equipment to at-risk students as defined in N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-45.

Students shall comply with all ~~school~~ district policies for the use of a ~~school~~ district provided technology device. A student shall be subject to consequences in the event the student violates any ~~school~~ district policy, including the district's acceptable use policies; student code of conduct; any provision of this Policy; or any provision of the School District Provided Technology Device Form.

N.J.S.A. 18A:34-1**.**
N.J.S.A. 18A:36-39. ~~P.L. 2013, Chapter 44~~ – "The Anti-Big Brother Act"

Adopted:

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