NEW  J. 24  Student Acceptable Use of Personal Technology Devices

Student possession of cell phones and other personal electronic devices on all school campuses and school buses, at school-sponsored activities and while the student is under the supervision and control of school district employees is permitted. These devices must be kept out of sight and powered off or silenced during the school day unless otherwise permitted by district procedures. Use of personal or district technology devices that disrupt the instructional day or includes possession, viewing, sending or sharing video or audio information having sexual, violent or threatening content on school grounds, school events or school busses is prohibited and will result in disciplinary action and/or confiscation of the personal technology device.

The student who possesses a personal technology device is responsible for its care. The district is not responsible for preventing theft, loss, damage, or vandalism to personal technology devices brought onto its property.

The Board directs the Superintendent to establish procedures and community education to implement this policy.

Policy Cross Ref.:  
Student Internet Acceptable Policy  
Bullying Prevention

Procedural Directive Cross Ref.:  
Gender Discrimination and Sexual Harassment: Students
Section 504/ADA: Physical Access for Students, Parents and Employees with Disabilities
Section 504/ADA Compliance: Students
Disability Harassment: Students
Discrimination and Harassment: Students

NEW Procedural Directive: Student Acceptable Use of Personal Technology Devices

Student Rights and Responsibilities

1. Student possession of cell phones and other personal electronic devices on all school campuses and school buses, at school-sponsored activities and while the student is under the supervision and control of school district employees is permitted. All students may use these devices on campus before school begins and after school ends. In addition, students in high school grades 9-12 may use such devices during their lunch period as determined by the school administration.

2. These devices must be kept out of sight and powered off or silenced during the school day. The requirement that Personal Technology Devices must be turned off will not apply in the following circumstances when the student obtains prior approval from the building principal or designee in the following circumstances:
   A. The student has a special medical circumstance for self or family member.
   B. The student is using the device for an educational or instructional purpose with the teacher’s permission and supervision.
   C. The student has a need to communicate with parent or guardian.

3. All students’ Personal Technology Devices are to be powered off, silenced and concealed from view on District buses, except as authorized by the driver.

4. Student use of Personal Technology Devices in locker rooms, classrooms, bathrooms, and/or swimming pool areas is prohibited.

5. Students may not use Personal Technology Devices on school property or at a school-sponsored activity to access and/or view internet websites that are otherwise blocked to students at school. Examples of blocked sites include, but are not limited to, Face Book, My Space and You Tube.

6. Student use of Personal Technology Devices that disrupts the instructional day will result in disciplinary action and/or confiscation of the Personal Technology Devices. When the Personal Technology Devices is confiscated, it will be released/returned to the student’s parent/guardian. Parents may retrieve the device according to school procedures.

7. Unauthorized use of Personal Technology Devices includes, but is not limited to, the following:
a. Possessing, viewing, sending or sharing video or audio information having sexual, violent or threatening content on school grounds, school events or school busses is prohibited and will result in disciplinary action and/or confiscation of the personal technology device while the student is:
   • On school grounds,
   • At school-sponsored events, or
   • On school buses or other vehicles provided by APS
b. Transmitting school materials for unethical purposes such as cheating.

District Staff Rights and Responsibilities
1. District staff may confiscate Personal Technology Devices when in use outside the parameters of student rights and responsibilities above.
2. District staff may examine the content of students’ Personal Technology Devices only under the following conditions:
   a. When the search is reasonable at its inception. That is, when the context is such that it is clear that the student or students are clearly misusing the device as described in No. 7 above and that the search of content would turn up evidence of the violation.
   b. When the scope of the search of the content is reasonably related to the objective of the search and appropriate in light of the age and sex of the student and the nature of the suspected violation.
3. District staff are required to turn the device over to APS Police and not to the Albuquerque Police Department for further investigation when content is in violation as in No. 7 above.
4. District staff are not authorized to share or distribute or download any content from a students’ Personal Technology Devices.

Corrective Action
1. Corrective action will be determined by the number of previous acts, the nature of the act, the maturity of the parties, and the context in which the alleged act occurred. Consequences can range from positive behavioral interventions to suspension and expulsion for repeated violations.