

PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

It is the policy of the Board of Education that a student may possess a personal electronic device while on school premises, or while in transit under the authority of the school, or while attending any function sponsored or authorized by the school upon consent of both the student's parent or guardian, and the superintendent or the superintendent's designee. Students may be issued a device by the school district such as a laptop, tablet or other electronic device. School-issued devices or school-approved devices are exempt from the requirements of this policy and shall be utilized only for educational purposes by students.

Students are prohibited from utilizing cell phones and personal electronic devices while on the campus of a public school district from bell to bell. Exceptions may be made as follows:

1. Emergency use of cell phones or personal electronic devices by students during the school day. Emergency use includes situations where immediate communication is needed for safety or urgent personal matters. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. Medical Emergencies – Calling 911 or a parent if a student or someone nearby is having a severe health crisis (e.g., asthma attack, allergic reaction, seizure).; or
 - b. Natural Disasters or Lockdowns – Communicating with law enforcement or family during events like tornados, fires, lockdowns, or other emergencies affecting the school; or
2. Use of cell phones or personal electronic devices by students who use them to monitor health issues. This includes, but is not limited to, glucose monitoring which may occur multiple times during the school day; or
3. Students with special needs may use cell phones or personal electronic devices during class time or during the school day if their IEP, Medical Plan, or 504 Plan explicitly requires it as assistive technology for medically or educationally necessary purposes. To qualify for this exception, the use must be listed as a documented accommodation necessary for instruction or communication within the student's IEP, Medical Plan, or 504 Plan.

All Personal Electronic Devices must be turned off and in a back pack or put in student's locker upon entering the building and remain there until the dismissal bell at the end of the school day to end instructional time.

"Personal electronic device" means a personal device capable of connecting to a smart phone, the Internet, or a cellular or Wi-Fi network, or directly connecting to another similar device. Personal electronic devices include, but are not limited to, smart watches, smart headphones, laptops, tablets, and smart glasses. Personal electronic devices shall not include school-issued or school approved devices that are specifically limited for use in classroom instruction.

Students found to be using any personal electronic device for any illegal purpose, violation of privacy, or to in any way send or receive personal messages, data, or information that would contribute to or constitute cheating on tests or examinations shall be subject to discipline and the device will be confiscated by the administration of the school district. Students violating this rule may be disallowed from carrying any wireless telecommunication device following the incident unless the device is utilized to monitor a health condition.

Electronic devices will not be allowed on the student in any way. Electronic Devices may be kept in the student's backpack (powered down), vehicle, locker (powered down and must provide your own lock) or left at home.

Discipline:

Any personal wireless communication device that is confiscated will result in the following disciplines:

1st Offense: Phone will be taken to the Building Office and parent/guardian will be notified and device will have to be picked up by parent/guardian (No other options) by 3:30 PM or may be held until the next school day.

2nd Offense: Electronic device will be taken to the Building Principal's Office and parent/guardian will be notified and device will have to be picked up by parent/guardian (No other options) by 3:30 PM or may be held until the next school day. Student will receive 3 days of Out of School Suspension at 60% credit for Grades PK-6 and 0% credit for Grades 7-12.

3rd Offense: Electronic device will be taken to the Building Principal's Office and parent/guardian will be notified and device will have to be picked up by parent/guardian (No other options) by 3:30 PM or may be held until the next school day. Student will receive 5 days of Out of School Suspension at 60% credit for all students.

Any student taking pictures, video, bullying or harassment during school or school event will be grounds for immediate suspension per student handbook and law enforcement may be called.

REFERENCE: 70 O.S. §1-126
70 O.S. §24-101.1, et seq.
70 O.S. §24-102

THIS POLICY REQUIRED BY LAW.