

Personal Electronic Devices

Student use of a personal electronic device is prohibited from the initial entrance to a school building until the end of regular instructional hours, except as provided below. Personal electronic devices can be used when students are not on school grounds and are not under the supervision of school personnel.

Except as otherwise provided in this policy, “personal electronic device” means any portable, electrically powered device that is capable of making and receiving calls and text messages and accessing the internet independently from the school’s network infrastructure.^{1]} This includes headphones and earbuds attached to personal electronic devices. This does not include a laptop computer or other device required to support academic activities.

Personal electronic devices may be used when use complies with the terms of:

1. The student’s individualized education program, as defined in ORS 343.035 or an education plan developed for the student in accordance with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794);²
2. A written exemption provided for the student based on a request received in JFCEB-AR. School administration will respond to such a request within [10] school days.³

Personal electronic devices may be kept by students in lockers, backpacks, or stored on the student’s person, but may not be used during regular instructional hours. Storage requirements may vary by school and will be outlined in the student code of conduct.

Students in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action. Discipline for mere possession or use of a personal electronic device may not include loss of instructional time for the student (including suspension or expulsion), but could include [verbal reminders, parental involvement, detention, a change

¹ [ODE’s guidance, *Fostering Student Learning, Well-Being, and Belonging* provides “This includes personal electronic devices that can make calls, send texts, or access the internet via cellular data are restricted. This includes smartphones, web-enabled flip phones, cellular-capable tablets and e-readers, smartwatches, smart glasses, and connected headphones or earbuds. This does not include laptop computers or other devices required to support academic activities.”]

² If use of the personal electronic device is included in the individualized education program or education plan, JFCEB-AR submission is not required.

³ JFCEB-AR must be submitted to the building administrator.

to storage requirements, etc.⁴]. However, if the actions taken by a student violate another conduct policy, the student may be subject to discipline up to and including expulsion.⁵

Necessary communications during the school day while on school grounds between students and parents or guardians can be made through the school office.

The superintendent or designee shall ensure this policy is posted on the district website and made available to district personnel, students, parents, guardians, partners who are in school buildings during the school day, and the Oregon Department of Education.

Requests for exemptions to this policy can be processed in accordance with JFCEB-AR – Request for Personal Electronic Devices Exemption. Appeals can be filed in accordance with KL-AR (1) – Public Complaint Procedure

The taking, disseminating, transferring or sharing of obscene, pornographic or otherwise illegal images or photographs, whether by electronic data transfer or otherwise (commonly called texting, sexting, emailing, etc.) may constitute a crime under state and/or federal law. Any person taking, disseminating, transferring or sharing obscene, pornographic or otherwise illegal images or photographs will be reported to law enforcement and/or other appropriate state or federal agencies.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

⁴ {Correction may include requiring a student to store their device in a school storage space instead of in the backpack.}

⁵ For example: a student could be disciplined with lost instructional time for using a personal electronic device to bully another student or for accessing inappropriate content. Discipline will be in accordance with Board policies.

[ORS 332.107](#)

[ORS 336.840](#)

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