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5136.01 - ~~TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES AND OTHER PERSONAL~~ ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT ~~OTHER THAN PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES~~

While in some instances the possession and use of Technology Resources (as defined in Bylaw 0100), Personal Communication Devices (PCDs) (as defined by Bylaw 0100) and other electronic equipment or devices by a student at school may be appropriate, the possession and use of such Technology Resources, PCDs, and other equipment or devices by students at school also may have the effect of distracting, disrupting and/or intimidating others in the school environment and leading to opportunities for academic dishonesty and other disruptions of the educational process.

Consequently, the School Board will supply any Technology Resources and other electronic equipment or devices necessary for ~~participation in the educational program~~ **teacher-directed use of devices for educational purposes during the school day (while students are present on school property for a student instructional day), except as provided in Board Policy 5136- Personal Communication Devices.** The following provisions do not apply to School Corporation-owned and issued laptops, tablets, e-readers, personal digital assistants (PDAs), PCDs, or authorized assistive technology devices.

Student possession and use of PCDs shall be consistent with Board Policy 5136 - Personal Communication Devices.

PCDs are defined as any portable wireless device that has the capability to provide voice, messaging, or other data communication between two (2) or more parties, including computers, laptops, tablets, e-readers, cellular or mobile telephones, smartphones, smartwatches (portable, wearable computer that resembles a wristwatch), smart glasses (eyewear equipped with computer technology), gaming devices and/or other web-enabled devices of any type. Smartwatches and smart glasses are not considered PCDs unless connected to a cellular telephone, a cell tower, or the Internet. If not connected, smartwatches and smart glasses are electronic equipment regulated pursuant to this policy. The following provisions do not apply to PCDs.

- A. ~~laptops,~~
- B. ~~tablets (e.g., iPad like devices),~~
- C. ~~e-readers (e.g., Kindle like devices),~~
- D. ~~headphones,~~
- E. ~~portable CD/MP3 players,~~

Students may possess and use non-PCD Technology Resources and other electronic equipment or devices as provided in this policy as long as they do not create a distraction, disruption or otherwise interfere with the environment. Use on Corporation property that results in a distraction, disruption or otherwise interferes with the school environment shall not be tolerated and may result in the loss of use of the item while on Corporation property.

Students may use ~~the following non-PCD~~ Technology Resources, electronic equipment, and devices ~~on school property during the school day~~ only for educational or instructional purposes (e.g., taking notes, recording a class lecture, writing papers) with the teacher's permission and supervision. ~~or as provided in the student's individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 plan:~~

At all other times on Corporation property, students may use non-PCD Technology Resources, electronic equipment, and devices at the discretion of the supervisor/sponsor/advisor/coach.

Students may use non-PCD Technology Resources, electronic equipment, and devices while riding to and from school on a Corporation bus or other Corporation vehicle or on a Corporation bus or other Corporation vehicle during school-sponsored activities at the discretion of the bus driver or classroom teacher or sponsor/advisor/coach.

Unless directed by a teacher, a student may possess or use the following non-PCD Technology Resources, electronic equipment, and devices on Corporation property, on a Corporation bus, or on other Corporation vehicles; lasers, boom-boxes, audio devices with volume.

Students may use non-PCD Technology Resources, electronic equipment, and devices on Corporation property, on a Corporation bus, or on other Corporation vehicles:

- A. if necessary for the management of the student's documented medical condition pursuant to an order provided by a licensed health care professional;
- B. if the use is included in the student's IEP or Section 504 plan;
- C. if authorized by the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee at the appropriate time during an emergency as determined by the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee; or
- D. if necessary for language translation for English language learners.

Distracting behavior that creates an unsafe environment shall not be tolerated and may result in the loss of the use of the device while on a Corporation bus or other Corporation vehicle.

Students are prohibited from using Technology Resources, electronic equipment, or devices in a manner that may be physically harmful to another person (e.g., shining a laser in the eyes of another student). Further, students are prohibited from using Technology Resources, electronic equipment, and devices with image or video capture functionality in any school situation where a reasonable expectation of personal privacy exists. These locations and circumstances include but are not limited to gymnasiums, locker rooms, shower facilities, restrooms/bathrooms, swimming pools, and any other areas where students or others may change clothes or be in any stage of undress. The Superintendent and building principals are authorized to determine other specific locations and situations where use of such devices is absolutely prohibited. If a student needs to use a device to manage the student's health care or in the event of an emergency, the student should go to an area where a reasonable expectation of personal privacy does not exist, except where the emergency prevents the student from leaving the area or in the circumstance where the student needs privacy to manage their health care, in which case the student should find a location where no other students are present.

Except as authorized by a teacher or administrator, ~~or as~~ provided in a student's IEP or Section 504 plan, or authorized under Policy 5136, students are prohibited from using Technology Resources, electronic equipment, and devices to capture, record and/or transmit the words or sounds (i.e., audio) and/or images (i.e., pictures/video) of any student, staff member or other person in school, before and after school hours, on Corporation property, during after-school activities (e.g., extra-curricular activities), and at school-related functions. Using a PCD to capture, record and/or transmit audio and/or pictures/video of an individual without proper consent is considered an invasion of privacy and is not permitted.

Students who violate this policy and/or use Technology Resources, electronic equipment, or devices to violate the privacy rights of another person may have their device confiscated and held until the end of the school day or a parent/guardian picks it up, and may be directed to delete the audio and/or picture/video file while the parent/guardian is present. If the violation involves potentially illegal activity, the confiscated device may be turned over to law enforcement.

Students shall not use Technology Resources, electronic equipment, and devices in any way that reasonably might create in the mind of another person an impression of being threatened, humiliated, harassed, embarrassed or intimidated. See Policy 5517.01 – Bullying and Other Forms of Aggressive Behavior. In particular, students are prohibited from using PCDs to: 1) transmit material that is threatening, obscene, disruptive, or sexually explicit or that can be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based upon their race, color, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation/transgender identity), disability, age, religion, ancestry, or political beliefs; and 2) engage in "sexting" - i.e., sending, receiving, sharing, viewing, or possessing pictures, text messages, e-mails or other materials of a sexual nature in electronic or any other form. Violation of these prohibitions shall result in disciplinary action. Furthermore, such actions shall be reported to local law enforcement and the Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS), as required by law.

Students are prohibited also from using Technology Resources, electronic equipment, and devices to capture, record, and/or transmit test information or any other information in a manner constituting fraud, theft, cheating, or academic dishonesty. Likewise, students are prohibited from using Technology Resources, electronic equipment, and devices to receive such information.

Possession of Technology Resources, electronic equipment, and devices by a student ~~in school, before and after school hours, on Corporation property, during their lunch break, between classes, during after school activities (e.g., extra-curricular activities), and at school related functions~~ is a privilege that may be forfeited by any student who fails to abide by the terms of this policy or otherwise abuses this privilege.

Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action and/or confiscation of Technology Resources, electronic equipment, and devices. The building principal also shall refer the matter to local law enforcement or DCS if the violation involves an illegal activity (e.g., child pornography, sexting) or child abuse. Discipline will be imposed on an escalating scale ranging from a warning to an expulsion based on the number of previous violations and/or the nature of or circumstances surrounding a particular violation. If the PCD is confiscated, it will be released/returned to the student's parent/guardian unless the violation involves a potentially unlawful activity, in which case the PCD may be turned over to local law enforcement. A confiscated device will be marked in a removable manner with the student's name and held in a secure location in the building's central office until it is retrieved by the parent/guardian or turned over to local law enforcement. School officials will not search or otherwise tamper with Technology Resources, electronic equipment, and devices in Corporation custody unless they reasonably suspect that the search is required to discover evidence of a violation of the law or other school rules. Any search will be conducted in accordance with Policy 5771 – Search and Seizure. If multiple offenses occur, a student may lose their privilege to bring Technology Resources, electronic equipment, and devices to school for a designated length of time or on a permanent basis.

A person who discovers a student using Technology Resources, electronic equipment, or devices in violation of this policy is required to report the violation to the building principal, facility administrator, or Superintendent.

Students are personally and solely responsible for the care and security of their Technology Resources, electronic equipment, and devices. The Corporation Board administrators, and agents ~~assumes~~ assume no responsibility for damage to or theft, loss, misuse, or unauthorized use of Technology Resources, electronic equipment, and devices brought onto Corporation property.

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Cross References

po0100 - DEFINITIONS
po2410 - AUDIO, VIDEO, AND DIGITAL RECORDING OF MEETINGS
po2461 - RECORDING OF IEP TEAM MEETINGS/CASE CONFERENCES
po5136 - PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES
po5771 - SEARCH AND SEIZURE
po5517.01 - BULLYING
po7540.03 - STUDENT TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE AND SAFETY
po8355 - AUTHORIZATION FOR AUDIO, VIDEO, AND DIGITAL RECORDING