

STUDENT USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES

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A student may possess electronic devices which are designed to receive and send and electronic signal or store digital data during the school day only under the following stipulations:

- Elementary students will have devices silenced, put away, and not used at all times. They will not be asked to use their personal devices for instructional purposes.
- Middle School students will have devices silenced, put away, and not used except when under the supervision of a staff member for use during specific class instruction.
- High school students will have devices silenced, put away, and not used except during transitions and lunch periods, and when under the supervision of a staff member for use during specific class instruction. At no time can students have devices blocking their ability to hear instructions.

If a middle or high school staff member allows personal electronic devices for instructional purposes they will also provide alternate school device options.

Students may never use electronic devices on school property or at a school-sponsored activity to access and/or view inappropriate Internet websites, including those that are blocked to students at school.

During testing students may not possess any electronic or recording device(s) at their desk, clipped to their belt, in their pocket, or anywhere within reach, even if the device is turned off or the student is not using it. If a student is found to be in possession of any electronic device during testing, his or her test must be invalidated.

Students may not access TikTok, any successor platform, or any other platform on the prohibited list as stated by the Florida Department of Management Services on any device, including privately owned devices, when connected to district- or school-provided internet.

Possession of an electronic device by a student is a privilege, which may be forfeited by any student who fails to abide by the terms of this policy, or otherwise engages in misuse of this privilege.

Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action and/or confiscation of the electronic device. If the electronic device is confiscated, it will be returned to the student's parent/guardian as defined by Florida statute.

The student who possesses an electronic device is responsible for its care. The school board is not responsible for preventing theft, loss, damage or vandalism to electronic

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devices brought on to its property.

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