

R 5516 STUDENT USE OF INTERNET-ENABLED

The following age-appropriate and grade level differentiated provisions shall govern student use of internet-enabled devices on school grounds during the school day.

A. Kindergarten through Grade 12

1. Students in Kindergarten through grade 12 are prohibited from using an internet-enabled device on school grounds during the school day.
2. Students in Kindergarten through grade 12 shall store their internet-enabled device out of sight throughout the school day. It is the student's responsibility to turn off the internet-enabled device and have the internet-enabled device password protected to prevent any unauthorized use of the device. Each student who brings an internet-enabled device to school is expected to turn off their internet-enabled device and store it in their backpack, locker, or other bag throughout the entire school day. In grades 7-12 if a backpack or bag is unavailable a student may store their device in their pocket, but the device must remain powered off and out of sight. A device powered off but held in hand is not acceptable. Students may be required to store phones in classroom storage devices during quizzes, tests, and exams.
3. School Buses
Students in Kindergarten through grade 12 are discouraged from using their internet-enabled device on a school bus on their way to school or on their way home from school at the end of the school day. Students who use devices while on the school bus must abide by all of the acceptable use policies of each school and of the district.

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4. Before and After the Regular School Day on School Grounds

Students in Kindergarten through grade 12 shall be permitted to use their internet-enabled device on school grounds before they enter the school building at the start of the day and on all school grounds after dismissal at the end of the regular school day.

5. School-Sponsored Events Off Grounds During the School Day

Students in Kindergarten through grade 12 shall be permitted to use their internet-enabled device during school-sponsored events off school grounds during the school day while under the direct supervision of a school staff member or employee of the Board (e.g. field trip) after determining no reasonable alternative to use the internet-enabled device at school-sponsored events off school grounds during the school day exists only with the authorization of the Superintendent or designee.

6. School-Sponsored Events Outside of the School Day

Students in Kindergarten through grade 12 shall be permitted to use their internet-enabled device during school-sponsored events taking place outside of the school day when students are under the direct supervision of a school staff member or employee of the Board (e.g., afterschool club meeting, sport team practice/game, etc.).

7. Use of Non-Internet-Enabled Devices

Students in Kindergarten through grade 12 are prohibited from using non-internet-enabled devices.

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8. Discipline

- a. School staff members shall apply clear, age-appropriate consequences and use strategies to redirect students who use internet-enabled devices in violation of this Regulation and Policy 5516.

(1) First Offense in a School Year

The following discipline will be imposed on a student for a first offense in a school year in violation of the provisions in this Regulation and Policy 5516:

- Detention(s)
- Parent Notification
- Phone may be held in main office.

(2) Second Offense in a School Year

The following discipline will be imposed on a student for a second offense in a school year in violation of the provisions in this Regulation and Policy 5516:

- Detention(s)
- Parent Notification
- Phone may be held in main office.

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(3) Third Offense in a School Year

The following discipline will be imposed on a student for a third offense in a school year in violation of the provisions in this Regulation and Policy 5516:

- Detention(s)
- Parent Notification
- Student may be required to keep their phone in the main office during the school day until authorized by building administration to resume regular storage procedures.

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