

Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media

Students may use and possess personal electronic devices on district grounds subject to the following:

1. Personal electronic devices shall not be used in a manner that disrupts the educational process, school programs or activities, or in a manner that violates law, Board policy, administrative regulation or school rules;
2. Personal electronic devices shall be turned off during instructional or class time or at any other time where such use of the device would cause a disruption of school activities or violate school rules. The building principal or designee may authorize the use of personal electronic devices for health or safety reasons, or in the event of an emergency situation that involves imminent physical danger. Personal electronic devices may be used during the student's lunch break and between classes if authorized by the school principal and/or allowed by school rules. They may not be used at any time in the proximity of any class, school activity or event that may be in session or in progress during those times;
3. Devices which have the capability to take photographs or record video or audio shall not be used for such purposes while on district property or while a student is engaged in district-sponsored activities, unless as expressly authorized in advance by the principal or designee;
4. The district will not be liable for loss, theft or damage to personal electronic devices brought to district property or school-sponsored events;
5. Personal electronic devices must not be displayed in plain view during prohibited times of use;
6. Personal electronic devices may be used as academic tools during the school day if authorized by the building principal or designee, if permission is received from the student's teacher, or if provided as a part of a student's individualized education plan (IEP);
7. The use of personal electronic devices in any manner that is academically dishonest, contributes to academic dishonesty is strictly prohibited;
8. The use of personal electronic devices in any manner that would violate the confidentiality or privacy rights of another individual is strictly prohibited;
9. Students shall comply with any additional school rules as established by the building principal and classroom rules as approved by the building principal concerning the appropriate use of personal electronic devices;

10. Personal electronic devices used in violation of law, Board policy, administrative regulation or approved school rules will be confiscated, turned into school administration or their designee, and released to the student, parent or property owner, as appropriate;
11. Personal electronic devices used in violation of law, Board policy, administrative regulation or approved school rules may result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion. A referral to law enforcement officials may also be made;
12. Teachers may authorize or deny student use of personal electronic devices as necessary for academic and curricular needs for classes under their supervision;
13. Student requests to use a personal electronic device shall be made directly to their classroom teacher(s). If denied, students may appeal to their building principal. If the student is not satisfied with the principal's decision, they may appeal the decision using the procedures outlined in Lincoln County School District policy KL-AR (Public Complaints).