

## **STUDENT USE OF PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES FOR INSTRUCTIONAL PURPOSES**

The Smithville School District recognizes that students increasingly have access to and are using personal electronic devices for many purposes, including educational purposes. The Board authorizes the superintendent and building principals to designate classes, grade levels and/or buildings where teachers are encouraged to utilize and incorporate personal electronic devices into their instruction and lesson plans in accordance with this policy. Teachers who incorporate such technology into their classrooms shall, with the assistance of the principal or designee, make accommodations for those students who do not have access to personal electronic devices. No student shall be penalized in any fashion for failure to own or have access to personal electronic devices.

### **Definitions**

*District Networks* Include both wired and wireless networks maintained by the district.

*Personal Electronic Devices* Include, but are not limited to, electronic communication equipment such as laptops, portable media players, mobile phones, smart phones, tablet computers and video game devices owned by a student or a student's parent/guardian.

### **Acceptable Use**

Possession or use of any personal electronic device on district property is a privilege, and students who fail to abide by this policy may forfeit this privilege.

When approved by the building principal, students will be allowed to bring personal electronic devices to school for use during the school day in the designated classrooms. Each building administrator, under the direction of the superintendent or designee, shall determine the appropriate areas of the school where students may use personal electronic devices and the extent to which such devices will be incorporated into the classroom curriculum.

Students may use personal electronic devices during the school day only if the student and parents/guardians sign and agree to the terms of the district's personal electronic devices agreement and the district's technology usage agreements unless excused by the superintendent or designee. Students shall only access the Internet through district-provided networks during the school day. Student devices with a data plan through the student's or parent's/guardian's mobile provider must have the external network turned off when on school premises during the school day. The district will utilize a technology protection measure, such as a filter, on all district networks. Students shall not bypass or attempt to bypass the district's networks through any means.

Possession or use of personal electronic devices must not in any way disrupt the educational process in the school district, endanger the health or safety of the student or any other person in the district, invade the rights of others at school or involve illegal or prohibited conduct.

All use of personal electronic devices during the school day shall be for appropriate educational purposes and shall be consistent with the educational objectives of the district. Students using personal electronic

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devices must follow the same rules that apply to the use of district-provided technology. The district may examine the student's device to the extent allowed by law. The district administration may involve law enforcement if the district has reasonable suspicion that the device has been used for an illegal purpose or for a purpose that causes harm to others.

Failure to abide by this policy shall subject the student to disciplinary action as outlined elsewhere in Board policy.

**District's Wireless Network**

The district does not guarantee that the district's wireless network is completely secure or that the district can protect the privacy of those using the district's wireless network. The district does not guarantee that all areas of the district shall have wireless coverage or that the wireless service level will be consistent from day to day. The district is not responsible for any loss of information that may arise from the use of the district's wireless network or for any loss, injury or damages resulting from the use of the wireless connection.

**District Responsibility**

The district will not be responsible for technological support of students' personal electronic devices, and students are required to ensure that all devices are free from viruses before bringing them to school.

Students who bring personal electronic devices to school do so at their own risk. The district assumes no responsibility for lost, stolen, damaged or misplaced devices, including those that have been confiscated by district personnel.

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