



Board of Education Policy Manual

5000 Series: Student Policies

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Policy 5300.31

STUDENT USE OF INTERNET-ENABLED DEVICES

PURPOSE

The Board of Education recognizes the pervasive nature of internet-enabled devices in modern society and their potential impact on the educational environment. In accordance with New York State Education Law §2803, this policy establishes regulations for student use of internet-enabled devices during the school day to foster a focused and productive learning environment, minimize distractions, promote responsible digital citizenship, and ensure the safety and well-being of all students.

DEFINITIONS

- **Internet-Enabled Device:** Any electronic device that can connect to the internet, including but not limited to cellular phones, smartphones, smartwatches, tablets, and portable gaming devices. District-issued Chromebooks or other devices used for instructional purposes are exempt when used as directed by school staff.
- **School Day:** The period from the first bell to the final dismissal bell, including instructional time, passing time, homeroom, lunch periods, and any school-sponsored activities or events occurring on school property.

GENERAL PROHIBITION

The use of internet-enabled devices by students is prohibited during the school day, except as explicitly permitted by this policy or the accompanying Administrative Regulation. This prohibition is intended to ensure that students are fully engaged in their educational activities and interactions without the distractions posed by personal devices.

IMPLEMENTATION & PROCEDURES

Specific procedures, guidelines, and consequences for violations of this policy, including permitted exceptions and alternative communication methods, shall be detailed in an Administrative Regulation (AR) developed by the Superintendent or their designee. This Administrative Regulation shall be fully consistent with the intent of this policy and New York State Education Law 2803. The Administrative Regulation shall be first published at the same time that this policy is first approved.

COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS/GUARDIANS

The District is committed to ensuring that parents/guardians have alternative means to communicate with their children during the school day. These methods will be clearly outlined in the Administrative Regulation and communicated to all parents/guardians in full compliance with New York State Education Law 2803

REVIEW

This policy shall be reviewed annually by the Board of Education to ensure its continued effectiveness and compliance with state law.

Reference: AR5300.31 Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devices

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