

The Board adopts this policy to place controls on the use of student-owned electronic devices at school. There has been a rising concern that spending too much time on social media or using cell phones may be detrimental to students' physical and mental health. The Board's priority is that all students are engaged in learning without distraction.

By placing limits on the permissible use of such electronic devices, the Board intends to:

Adopt policy in alignment with State Department of Education guidance on cell phones;

1. Promote student safety;
2. Support staff in maintaining an environment that encourages learning;
3. Reduce distractions in the learning environment;
4. Improve academic focus;
5. Promote responsible technology use;
6. Prevent cyberbullying;
7. Mitigate the privacy concerns posed by personal electronic devices

This policy shall apply to any electronic device not issued by the District that is capable of accessing the internet or sending an electronic message to another device, such as smart phones, other cell phones, tablets, laptops, e-readers, and smart watches.

Any use of an electronic device required by a student's 504 Plan or Individualized Education Plan (IEP) shall be permitted regardless of whether it would otherwise violate this policy.

Students may use a personal electronic device in the case of an emergency to contact help. In this policy, an emergency is an event that poses an immediate threat to the health or safety of any person or a risk of damage to property. If a student needs to use a personal electronic device in such an emergency, they should ensure they are in as safe a location as is feasible.

If a student's parent/guardian or their designee needs to contact a student in the case of an emergency at a time when student cell phone use is not permitted, the parent/guardian or designee should call the school office and ask staff to relay the message or bring the student to the office to speak with the parent/guardian or designee by phone or in-person.

#### Restrictions on Time and Location of Use

##### **Lapwai Elementary:**

Students are required to turn in their personal electronic devices to their teacher at the beginning of the school day and may collect them at the end of the school day or afterschool programming.

##### **Lapwai Middle-High School:**

Students are prohibited from using cell phones in the following times and places:

1. During class time;
2. During passing periods;
3. In bathrooms, locker rooms, or changing rooms;

4. All forms of social media during school hours are strictly prohibited

Students are permitted to use cell phones in the following times and places:

1. Before and after the school day;
2. During lunch;
3. All forms of social media during school hours are strictly prohibited

### Containment of Devices

When use of personal electronic devices is not permitted, such devices must be:

#### **Lapwai Elementary:**

Students are required to turn in their personal electronic devices to their teacher at the beginning of the school day and may collect them at the end of the school day or afterschool programming.

#### **Lapwai Middle-High School:**

1. Stored in the student's locker;
2. Students on a cell phone contract are required to turn their phone into the school office

The Superintendent may set further procedures and schools may set additional rules to ensure this policy is followed.

Students are responsible for safeguarding devices they bring to school. The District shall not be responsible for loss, theft, damages, or destruction of student owned devices brought onto school property.

### Use of Devices

Any use of personal electronic devices at school or at school events shall comply with Policy 503.12 Internet Acceptable Use and 503.12.1 District Provided Access to Electronic Information, Services and Networks. Student-owned electronic devices shall not be used in a manner that disrupts the educational process, including, but not limited to, posing a threat to academic integrity or violating confidentiality or privacy rights of another individual.

Access to the devices is a privilege and not a right. Each student will be required to follow the Acceptable Use of Electronic Networks Policy and the Internet Access Conduct Agreement.

The use of cameras in any type of electronic device is strictly prohibited in locker rooms, restrooms, and classrooms. Where students are allowed to use electronic devices, they are required to obtain permission before taking a photograph or video of any individual.

Students found to be using any electronic communications device to in any way send or receive personal messages, data, or information that would contribute to or constitute cheating on any student assessment, project, or assignment shall be subject to discipline.

### Disciplinary Action

Students violating the provisions of this policy are subject to disciplinary action, which may include losing the privilege of bringing the device onto school property, detention, and/or confiscation of the device until it is retrieved by the student’s parent/guardian. If a student or a parent/guardian wishes to appeal such disciplinary action, they can do so by submitting a written request for appeal to the building principal within 5 school days. If the decision being appealed was made by the building principal, the appeal may instead be made to the Superintendent.

Violation of this policy may also result in suspension or expulsion.

Implementation & Review of Policy

The Board directs the Superintendent or their designee to inform staff, students, and parents/guardians about this policy and how it will be implemented. The Board also directs the Superintendent or their designee to develop practices that reinforce the importance of and ways of addressing:

1. Digital literacy lessons;
2. The effects of cyberbullying;
3. Privacy concerns; and
4. Online disinformation.

The Superintendent shall report to the Board each year about the effectiveness of this policy and shall recommend changes to it as needed.

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<b>Legal References</b>	<b>Description</b>
Executive Order 2024-11	Phone Free Learning Act
Policy 503.12	Internet Acceptable Use
Policy 503.12.1	District Provided Access to Electronic Information, Services and Networks

Adopted: 1/21/2025