

West Linn-Wilsonville School District 3J

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Personal Electronic Devices and Electronic Communication**

Student use of personal electronic devices on district property or off campus under district supervision (such as field trips) is prohibited during the start of regular instructional hours until the end of regular instructional hours except as provided below.

Except as otherwise provided in this policy, “personal electronic device” means any portable, electrically powered device that is capable of:

- making and receiving calls
- making and receiving text messages
- accessing the internet independently from the school’s network infrastructure.

This includes headphones and earbuds attached to personal electronic devices. This does not include a laptop computer or other device required to support academic activities, or headphones that are plugged into a laptop computer to access academic activities. Personal laptop computers may be allowed at some grade levels, as long as all other conditions of this policy are followed.

Personal electronic devices may be used when use complies with the terms of:

1. The student’s medical provider’s written order for the care and treatment of a medical condition;
2. The student’s individualized education program, as defined in ORS 343.035 or an education plan developed for the student in accordance with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794); or
3. A written exemption provided for the student approved by the school administrator.

Personal electronic devices may be kept by students in lockers or backpacks, but personal electronic devices are not to be stored on the student’s person or in the student’s clothing.

Students in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action. Discipline for mere possession or use of a personal electronic device may not include loss of instructional time for the student (suspension or expulsion). However, if the actions taken by a student violate another conduct policy in addition to the use of the personal electronic device, the student may be subject to any appropriate school discipline.

Schools must have a clear, consistent, and escalating response to any violations of this policy that may include re-teaching the expectation, loss of privileges, confiscating the PEDs and/or holding the PEDs to be released to families/guardians. Every school will articulate and implement exact procedures for responding to violations of this policy. These procedures will be clearly posted on the school webpage and shared with all students, staff and families, and will be made available to the Oregon Department of Education.

The district will not be liable for personal electronic devices brought to district property and district-sponsored activities.

Students are subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion for using a personal or district electronic device in any manner that is academically dishonest, illegal or violates the terms of this policy¹. A referral to law enforcement officials may also be made. Personal electronic devices brought to district property or used in violation of this policy are subject to confiscation and will be released to the student's parent or property owner, as appropriate.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

Oregon Executive Order 25-09

[ORS 332.107](#)

[ORS 336.840](#)

¹The taking, disseminating, transferring or sharing of obscene, pornographic or otherwise illegal images or photographs, whether by electronic data transfer or otherwise (commonly called texting, sexting, emailing, etc.) may constitute a crime under state and/or federal law. Any person taking, disseminating, transferring or sharing obscene, pornographic or otherwise illegal images or photographs will be reported to law enforcement and/or other appropriate state or federal agencies.