

Dayville School District 16J

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Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media**

All schools in the Dayville School District are to be free from personal electronic devices from the start of school (8:00am) through the end of the school day (3:30pm). This includes, but is not limited to smartphones, flip phones, tablets, e-readers, smartwatches, smart glasses, and any other personal web-capable device and the headphones and/or earbuds connected to those devices. Personal electronic devices that are brought onto school grounds are to be stored in a secured locker in the school office.

A "personal electronic device" (PED) is a device that is capable of electronically communicating, sending, receiving, storing, recording, reproducing and/or displaying information and data. This does not include laptop computers or other devices required to support academic activities. "Instructional hours" mean from the regular start of the school instructional day to the end of the instructional day. This policy may also extend to field trips and athletic events, as determined by the school district.

Exceptions may be made with prior superintendent or designee approval for health, safety or emergency reasons or when use is provided for in a student's individualized education program (IEP) or 504 plan. Requests for exemptions can be processed in accordance with the Student Handbook Form - Request for Personal Electronic Devices Exception.

Students may not use district equipment to access social media websites, while on district property or at district-sponsored activities unless the posting is approved by a district representative.

Devices attached to, or stored in a student vehicle parked on district property will be exempt from this policy, provided the device is not removed from the vehicle while on district property.

Students in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action. Discipline for the 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, the student may be subject to discipline up to and including expulsion.¹

1st Offense - PED will be confiscated and able to be picked up in the office at the end of the day by the student. 2nd Offense - PED will be confiscated and able to be picked up at the end of the day by the student with a call home to notify the parent/guardian of the incident. 3rd Offense (and subsequent) - PED will be confiscated and able to be picked up at the end of the day by parent/guardian.

The superintendent shall ensure that the Board's policy is communicated to staff, students and parents through building handbooks and other such means. The district will not be liable for information or comments posted by students on social media websites when the student is not engaged in district activities and not using district equipment.

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 332.107

ORS 336.840

Copyrights, 17 U.S.C. §§ 101- 1332; 19 C.F.R. Part 133 (2012).

END OF POLICY

¹ The 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.

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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;¹
2. Unless as authorized in advance by the superintendent or designee for health or safety reasons, or in the event of an emergency situation that involves imminent physical danger, devices shall be turned on and operated only before and after the regular school day. 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. At no time will any personal electronic device which allows for a wireless, unfiltered connection to the district's Internet be allowed to be used for such purposes while on district property or while the student is engaged in school- or district-sponsored activities;
4. Personal electronic 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 at district-sponsored events unless as expressly authorized in advance by the principal or designee;
5. Personal electronic devices brought on campus will be securely stored in the front office between the hours of 8:00am and 3:30pm. Students that are off campus for lunch break may check out their personal electronic device prior to leaving campus.
6. Personal electronic devices must not be displayed in plain view during prohibited times of use;
7. Personal electronic devices may be used as electronic study aids during the school day if provided as a part of a student's individualized education program (IEP) or 504 plan, or if permission is received from the student's teacher in order to access curriculum;
8. The use of personal electronic devices in any way to send or receive messages, data or information that would pose a threat to academic integrity, contribute to or constitute academic dishonesty is strictly prohibited;
9. The use of personal electronic devices in any manner that would violate the confidentiality or privacy rights of another individual is strictly prohibited;

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10. Students shall comply with any additional school rules as established by the superintendent and classroom rules as approved by the superintendent concerning the appropriate use of personal electronic devices;
11. Personal electronic devices used in violation of law, Board policy, administrative regulation or approved school rules will be confiscated, turned in to the school office and returned to the student or parent following parent notification, conference, detention, suspension, expulsion and/or referral to law enforcement officials as appropriate;
12. Students may not access social media websites using district equipment, while on district property or at district-sponsored activities unless the access is approved by a district representative.