

STUDENT USE OF PRIVATELY-OWNED ELECTRONIC DEVICES AT SCHOOL

The Board recognizes that many students possess cell phones and other electronic devices that they wish to carry at school. These devices may not be used at school and/or during school activities in any manner that disrupts the educational process or school environment, or that violates Board policies or school rules.

The Sanborn Regional School District is not responsible for damage, loss, or theft of students' privately-owned devices.

The Superintendent is authorized to develop, with input from administrators, any school rules necessary to implement this policy.

RULES FOR STUDENT USE OF PRIVATELY-OWNED ELECTRONIC DEVICES AT SCHOOL

1. Students are prohibited from using privately-owned electronic devices, including but not limited to cell phones, smartphones, tablets, drones, smart watches, and electronic games during classes and school activities, including study halls, field trips, and co-curricular/extra-curricular activities.
 - a. During classes and school activities, all electronic devices must be “silenced” or put in “do not disturb” mode and put away (in a locker, backpack, etc.).
 - b. If this rule is violated, the device will be confiscated for the remainder of the school day, and discipline may be imposed as provided below.
2. Students may use privately-owned electronic devices (excluding drones) between class periods and during lunch periods. Care must be taken to use such devices in a manner that does not interrupt the activities of others.
3. Students may use privately-owned electronic devices while traveling to and from school activities to the extent allowed by bus drivers or employees chaperoning/supervising.

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4. The use of personal cameras or video/sound recording functions on any personal electronic device is strictly prohibited. Video/sound recording functions are only permitted for specific course related projects on school owned devices.
5. Any use of privately-owned electronic devices that violates any Board policy, procedure or school rule is strictly prohibited. In addition, accessing, viewing, submitting, forwarding, downloading or displaying any materials that are defamatory, abusive, obscene, vulgar, sexually explicit, sexually suggestive, threatening, discriminatory, harassing, bullying and/or illegal while at school or during any school-related activities is prohibited.
6. Students' privately-owned electronic devices may be subject to search if there is reasonable suspicion that a student is violating any law or regulation, Board policies, procedures or school rules, or engaging in other misconduct, and that the device may contain relevant evidence. Administrators may confiscate such devices for as long as necessary to complete their investigation. A student who refuses to comply with a search directive may be subject to disciplinary action, including the disciplinary consequences for the suspected violation.
7. Students violating these rules will be subject to discipline potentially including (but not limited to) :
 - a. Revoking the privilege to possess privately-owned electronic devices at school or during any school-related activities; and/or
 - b. Sanctions ranging from detention to expulsion from school, depending upon the nature of the offense and the student's disciplinary record.

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