

**DODGELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board Policy Manual**

443.5

**USE AND POSSESSION OF PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Students are permitted to possess a personal electronic device during the school day and during school activities, provided that the device is stored out of sight and turned off. A personal electronic device includes a cellular telephone, personal digital assistant, laptop or other personal electronic device with communications functions, audio-stereo functions, or photographic/video imaging capabilities. Students shall be permitted to use electronic devices on school premises and at school-sponsored activities under the following conditions:

- Use is permitted before and after the school day except as otherwise noted. The “school day” includes the full period of time between the beginning of the first class and the end of the last class of the day (8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.).
- Use is permitted during the school day by students in:
  - Middle School - during lunch in the commons.
  - High School – during lunch in the commons, ASPIRE, study halls, and classes at the discretion of the teacher.
- Use of any device that is capable of causing bodily harm (e.g., zappers, laser lights, etc.) is never permitted.
- Use of any devices that are capable of taking, receiving and/or transmitting photographs/videos is never permitted in locker rooms, restrooms and other similar private areas.

The use of electronic devices by students that occurs within the times, situations and locations permitted by this policy shall be prohibited whenever such use is disruptive to the educational process, endangers the health and safety of others, invades the privacy of others and/or involves conduct prohibited by Board policies, District rules, state and federal laws or local ordinances.

Building principals are authorized to establish school rules and acceptable use guidelines for limited, non-disruptive use of personal electronic devices during the school day in the school building or during school activities for safety, medical, vocational or other legitimate reasons. This includes the use of an electronic device in a manner that functions as assistive technology necessary for the education of a student with disabilities or a student with other special or unique needs.

The District shall not be responsible for loss, damage or theft of any personal electronic device brought to school or school-sponsored activities. Students are expected to secure personal electronic devices in locked lockers when not in their possession and are encouraged to transport their devices in protective cases.

Possession of a personal electronic device by a student is a privilege, which may be forfeited by any student who fails to abide by the terms of this policy, or otherwise engages in misuse of this privilege. Students have no rights of privacy while personal electronic devices are connected to the district network. Electronic devices that are used inappropriately may be confiscated and held by school officials for return to the student or parent/guardian, retained for disciplinary reasons or turned over to law enforcement officers as appropriate.

Students serving any in-school suspension or in-school disciplinary consequence shall forfeit all privileges to use personal electronic devices.

The use of electronic devices by students that occurs within the times, situations and locations permitted by this policy shall also be prohibited whenever it is disruptive to the educational process, endangers the health and safety of others, invades the privacy of others and/or involves any other conduct prohibited by Board policies, District rules, state and federal laws, or local ordinances.

The inappropriate use of such devices by students while off school premises and not engaging in school activities may also be subject to disciplinary action if such conduct endangers the health, safety or property of others at school or under the supervision of school authorities and/or causes a material and substantial disruption to the school environment or school activities.

Students shall be informed of this policy and related rules annually through the student handbooks.

LEGAL REF.:           Sections     118.258   Wisconsin Statutes  
  120.13  
  947.0125  
  995.50(2)(a)

CROSS REF.:           443.5-Rule, Procedures for Personal Electronic Device Violations  
  322, School Day  
  363.2, Student Technology Use  
  363.3, Assistive Technology for Students and Staff with Special Needs  
  411.1, Student Harassment and Bullying  
  443, Student Conduct  
  443.4, Student Alcohol and Other Drug Use  
  447, Student Discipline  
  447.3, Student Suspensions/Expulsions  
  731.2, Privacy in Locker Rooms  
  Student Code of Conduct  
  Student Handbooks

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