
Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media - Student

Students may be allowed to use and possess personal electronic devices on PBCCS property and at school-sponsored activities provided such devices are not used in any manner that may disrupt the learning environment or PBCCS school sponsored activities or violate Board policies, administrative regulations, school or classroom rules, state and federal law.¹

As used in this policy, a “personal electronic device” is a device that is capable of electronically communicating, sending, receiving, storing, recording, reproducing and/or displaying information and data.

Students may not access social media, while on PBCCS property or at school-sponsored activities unless access is approved by a PBCCS representative.

PBCCS will not be liable for personal electronic devices brought to school or school-sponsored activities. PBCCS is not responsible for information or comments posted by students on social media websites when the student is not engaged in school activities and not using school equipment.

The administrator is directed to develop administrative regulations and/or approve school rules as necessary to ensure that student use of such devices is consistent with this policy. Administrative regulations may include grade- or age-level possession and/or use restrictions by students on PBCCS property and school-sponsored activities; consequences for violations; a process for responding to a student’s request to use a personal electronic device, including an appeal process if the request is denied; and such other provisions as the administrator may deem appropriate. The administrator is responsible for ensuring that pertinent provisions of Board policies, administrative regulations and school rules governing personal electronic devices are included in staff handbooks and student/parent handbooks, reviewed and updated as necessary.

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.

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 336.840

ORS 338.115

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