

REGULATION ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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**Responsible Office: OFFICE OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE/SAFE AND ORDERLY
SCHOOLS/TECHNOLOGY DIVISION**

USE OF PERSONAL ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES BY STUDENTS

A. PURPOSE

To provide standards for students regarding the appropriate use of electronic communication devices and personal electronic devices in Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS).

B. BACKGROUND

Personal electronic devices can be valuable resources for student education and communication. However, such devices can also detract from a controlled learning environment if not utilized in an effective and appropriate manner.

C. PROCEDURES

- 1.** Personal electronic devices are communication devices owned by a student, his/her parent(s)/guardian(s), siblings, or friends with voice, data, text, and/or navigation capabilities that are able to access the Internet, transmit telephone calls, text messages, email messages, instant messages, video communications, perform word processing and/or other computer and online applications (apps), and/or provide location information. The devices are capable of electronic communication, sending, receiving, storing, recording, reproducing, and/or displaying information and data. Examples of personal electronic communication devices include, but are not limited to smartphones (iPhone, Android, Blackberry), cellular phones, mobile phones (with recording and/or camera/video or other capabilities and configurations); tablets; traditional telephones; pagers; global positional system (GPS) instruments; computers; portable game units; graphic calculators; Mp3, music, and media players or recorders; personal digital assistants (PDAs); traditional cameras, video cameras, and digital still cameras; tablet and laptop computers; and other similar devices. Personal electronic communication devices also include devices such as iPads, Android tablets, radios, and devices that may or may not have Internet access (such as Kindles, Nooks, or other eReaders), are capable of recording still and video images, are capable of recording audio, and/or are radar communication devices.

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2. The use of personal electronic devices by students is authorized during the school day in AACPS schools and property, and while students are attending school system sponsored activities during regular school hours when they are in compliance with the specific school's rules, Board Policies and Regulations, and applicable local, state, and federal laws, and so long as such use does not interfere with the students' educational requirements, students' responsibilities/duties and performance, the rights and education of others, and the operation and services of AACPS.
3. Principals shall determine the extent of, and the rules related to the use of Personal Electronic Communication Devices within their schools, on their school's property, and while students are attending that school's sponsored activities during regular school hours. Such rules and permissions shall be compliant with other school system Policies and Regulations, and applicable local, state, and federal laws.
 - a. Devices at the elementary grade level may be different than that at the middle school, and/or high school grade levels.
 - b. Teachers shall determine authorized use within their respective classrooms.
4. Students shall ensure that the use of the device is appropriate for the purpose in which it is being used, is aligned with the Code of Student Conduct and is not detrimental to others.
5. Anne Arundel County Public Schools is not responsible for the loss, theft, damage, misuse, unauthorized use, destruction, or data fees of any Personal Electronic Communication Devices brought to school by a student.

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