

REGULATION

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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USE OF PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES BY STUDENTS

A. PURPOSE

To provide standards for students regarding the appropriate use of 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. DEFINITIONS

1. ***Assistive Technology Device*** – any item, piece of equipment, or product system, whether acquired commercially off the shelf, modified, or customized, that is used to increase, maintain or improve the functional capabilities of a child with a disability. The term does not include a medical device that is surgically implanted, or the replacement of such device.
2. ***Personal Electronic Devices*** – non-AACPS owned electronic devices that may be used to send or receive data via voice, video, or text including mobile phones, e-readers, tablets, personal computers, wearable technology, video recorders, or other devices equipped with microphones, speakers, or cameras.

D. PROCEDURES

1. 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. The use of electronic devices shall be in compliance with Board of Education of Anne Arundel County (Board) Policies and Administrative Regulations, and applicable local, State, and federal laws. The

use may not interfere with the students' educational requirements, the students' responsibilities or duties and performance, the rights and education of others, and the operation and services of AACPS.

2. The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall determine the extent of and the rules related to the use of personal electronic devices within schools, on school property, and while students are attending school sponsored activities during regular school hours. Such rules and permissions shall be compliant with other Board Policies and Administrative 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 high school grade levels.
 - b. Teachers shall determine authorized use within their respective classrooms.
3. Students shall ensure that the use of the device is appropriate for the purpose in which it is being used, aligned with the *Code of Student Conduct*, and not detrimental to others.
4. The use of assistive technology devices by students is authorized with approval from AACPS upon parent/guardian completion of the *Agreement to Use Privately Owned Assistive Technology* form.
5. AACPS is not responsible for the loss, theft, damage, misuse, unauthorized use, destruction, or data fees of any personal electronic devices or assistive technology devices brought to school by a student.

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