

Dietrich School District #314

Board Policy 3265: Student Owned Electronic Communication Devices

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Dietrich School District recognizes the importance of technology in the educational setting, electronic communication devices like cell phones pose a significant distraction to the learning environment. This policy is meant to place controls on the use of student-owned electronic devices at school. There has been a rising concern that spending too much time on social media or using cell phones may be detrimental to students' physical and mental health. The Board's priority is that all students are engaged in learning without distraction. All staff are expected to

Definitions :

For the purpose of this policy the following definitions will apply:

- Device : All Personal electronic communication devices including but not limited to the following personal devices and accessories used for communication and entertainment: cell Phones , smart phones, smart watches, earbuds, headphones, video recording devices, personal digital assistants, ipods, ipads , laptop computers, tablet computers and other similar electronic devices.
- School Day : From the official school start time to the end of the day school dismissal, including class periods, passing periods, free periods, lunch periods, recess and assemblies.

During the school Day

Students must keep Devices powered off, out of sight and not on their person while on school campuses for the duration of the school day. Students are expected to use district issued devices (i.e. Chromebooks) during the school day.

Consequences

If a student's device is visible, stored on their person , or turned on during the school day, the device shall be confiscated by a district employee and turned into the main office.

1st offense Student may retrieve the phone from the main office at the end of the school day.

2nd offense Parent will be called by the Principal or the building secretary and the parent or guardian will need to pick up the phone from the main office.

3rd offense Student will need to turn in the phone into the office and pick up at the end of the day . This will be for the remainder of the school year.

Procedure to track student offenses will be developed by building administration .

Communication with Parents

Parents should not expect to communicate directly with their children using their Devices during the school day. . Parents who need to communicate with their children in the case of emergency should call the main office and can relay that message to the Building secretary or administration who can

get that message to the student or the student can come down to the office and call the parent from the office phone.

If students need to contact parents during the school day they can ask any school employee to use a school phone to contact their parents.

Conduct

Students may not use any devices in any manner that disrupts the educational environment, violates student conduct rules , or violates the rights of other students or staff. This includes but is not limited to the following:

- Using any device (or district issued device) to take photographs in locker rooms or bathrooms.
- Cheating
- Creating, sending, sharing, viewing, receiving , or possessing an indecent visual depiction or non consensual dissemination of private sexual images.
- Inappropriate use of any device (or district issued device) at other school activities or events on or off campus, either during or outside of the school day.

Any use of an electronic device required by a student’s 504 Plan or Individualized Education Plan (IEP) shall be permitted regardless of whether it would otherwise violate this policy.

Responsibility

Dietrich School District is not responsible for the loss, theft or damage of any device brought to school. If the device is confiscated for violation of Dietrich School District policy and or procedures the district and its employees shall not be responsible for safekeeping loss or damage.

Staff responsibility

It is expected that every staff member will help in enforcing this policy. Procedures will be developed by administration and included in the staff handbook.

This policy shall be strictly and fairly enforced by all district personnel.

Legal References	Description
Executive Order 2024-11	Phone Free Learning Act
Policy Checklist for LEAs	by the Idaho Department of Education
Cross References	
Code	Description

- 3270 District-Provided Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks
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- 3340 Corrective Actions and Punishment
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