

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 719
PRIOR LAKE - SAVAGE AREA SCHOOLS**525.1 STUDENT USE OF PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES****I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to set forth expectations for appropriate use of existing and emerging technologies which students may possess, including but not limited to cellular phones, digital picture/video cameras and/or camera phones, and other personal electronic devices capable of transmitting data or images.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The school district holds high expectations for student behavior, academic integrity and responsible use of existing and emerging technologies, such as cellular phones, digital picture/video cameras and/or phones and other personal electronic devices capable of capturing and/or transmitting data or images. Students who possess and/or use such devices at school or school sponsored events shall demonstrate the greatest respect for the educational environment and the rights and privacy of all individuals within the school community.

STANDARDS FOR RESPONSIBLE USE AT SCHOOL, ON BUSES OR AT SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- A. The school board directs the superintendent and school district administration to establish rules and procedures regarding student possession and use of personal electronic devices in schools, on buses or at school activities. These rules and procedures should seek to minimize the impact of personal electronic devices on student behavior, mental health, and academic attainment. These rules and procedures may be designed for specific school buildings, grade levels, or similar criteria.
- B. Respect for privacy rights:
 - 1. Students shall not photograph or videotape other individuals at school or at school sponsored activities without their knowledge and consent, except for activities considered to be in the public arena such as sporting events or public performances.
 - 2. Use of personal electronic devices is strictly prohibited in locker rooms, dressing rooms, health offices and restrooms.
- C. Assuring academic integrity: Students shall not use personal electronic devices in any way that may cause a teacher or staff member to question whether the student may be cheating on tests or academic work or violating copyright policy.
- D. Compliance with Other District Policies: Use of personal electronic devices must not violate any other district policies, including those regarding student privacy, copyright, cheating, plagiarism, civility, student code of conduct, electronic technologies acceptable use, or harassment. If a violation occurs involving more than one District policy, consequences for each policy may apply.

VIOLATIONS OF THIS POLICY AND ASSOCIATED RULES AND PROCEDURES

- A. An employee shall direct the student to turn off the device.
- B. The employee may confiscate the device and turn it into the school office where the student may retrieve it at the end of the school day.
- C. At the principal's discretion, violations may result in additional disciplinary action.

DISSEMINATION OF POLICY

This policy shall be included in the Student/Parent Handbook, posted to the district website, and otherwise distributed upon request.

Legal References:

MN Stat. Ch. 13 (Minnesota Government Data Practices Act)
MN Stat. § 13.32 (Educational Data)
MN Stat. § 121A.031 (School Student Bullying Policy)
MN Stat. § 121A.73 (School Cell Phone Policy)
MN Stat. § 124D.166 (Limit on Screen Time for Children in Preschool and Kindergarten)
MN Stat. § 125B.15 (Internet Access for Students)
MN Stat. § 125B.26 (Telecommunications/Internet Access Equity Act)
15 U.S.C. § 6501 et seq. (Children's Online Privacy Protection Act)
17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq. (Copyrights)
20 U.S.C. § 1232g (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)
47 U.S.C. § 254 (Children's Internet Protection Act of 2000 (CIPA))
47 C.F.R. § 54.520 (FCC rules implementing CIPA)
Mahanoy Area Sch. Dist. v. B.L., 594 U.S. 180, 141 S. Ct. 2038 (2021)
Tinker v. Des Moines Indep. Cmty. Sch. Dist., 393 U.S. 503 (1969)
United States v. Amer. Library Assoc., 539 U.S. 194 (2003)
Sagehorn v. Indep. Sch. Dist. No. 728, 122 F.Supp.2d 842 (D. Minn. 2015)
R.S. v. Minnewaska Area Sch. Dist. No. 2149, 894 F.Supp.2d 1128 (D.Minn. 2012)
Tatro v. Univ. of Minnesota, 800 N.W.2d 811 (Minn. App. 2011), aff'd on other grounds 816 N.W.2d 509 (Minn. 2012)
S.J.W. v. Lee's Summit R-7 Sch. Dist., 696 F.3d 771 (8 th Cir. 2012)
Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Inc. v. Camdenton R-III Sch. Dist., 853 F.Supp.2d 888 (W.D. Mo. 2012)
M.T. v. Cent. York Sch. Dist., 937 A.2d 538 (Pa. Commw. Ct. 2007)

Cross References:

[Policy 506 \(Student Discipline\)](#)
[Policy 506.1 \(Bullying Prohibition\)](#)
[Policy 515 \(Protection and Privacy of Student Records\)](#)
[Policy 521 \(Student Disability Nondiscrimination\)](#)
[Policy 522 \(Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination Grievance Procedures and Process\)](#)
[Policy 524 \(Electronic Technologies Acceptable Use Policy\)](#)

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