

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES POLICY

Smyth County Public Schools understands that technology plays a key role in the lives of today's students, and some students and their parents would like to be able to use their personal electronic communication devices at school. Students will be allowed to have the devices in conformance with Policy JZD, with parental permission, and with appropriate use as outlined in this agreement. With this privilege come responsibilities and issues that must be addressed. The use of any electronic device, including but not limited to, iPods, iPads, e-book readers, laptops, or cell phones, must be in adherence to the Smyth County Public Schools Acceptable Use Policy.

For purposes of this policy, a personal electronic communication device means a privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic hand held equipment that includes, but is not limited to, existing and emerging mobile communication systems and smart technologies, portable Internet devices, hand held entertainment systems or portable information technology systems that can be used for word processing, wireless internet access, image capture/recording, sound recording and information transmitting/receiving/storing, etc.

Smyth County Public Schools provides the opportunity for students to bring these electronic devices to school to use as an educational tool with parental permission. The use of these electronic devices will be at the discretion of the teacher and school administration. The following criteria must be adhered to:

1. Students must obtain parent permission before using an electronic device at school, on the bus, at a school activity, or during classroom instruction. If the teacher allows cell phones or other electronic devices to be used in their classroom, the device must be placed on the desk or other seating area so that the teacher is aware and the phone must be in "silent mode".
2. Student use of an electronic device in a classroom must support the instructional activity currently occurring in each classroom and must adhere to the Acceptable Use Policy.
3. Students must put away an electronic device when requested by a teacher.
4. Students should be aware that their use of the electronic device could cause distraction for others in the classroom. Therefore audio should be muted or headphones used when appropriate. Any video, music, or other media would need to be stored on the device and not streamed or downloaded while on the school network.

5. No games should be played during class time. If a game is played on the electronic device before or after school the game should have appropriate content for the school setting and must be stored on the device and not streamed or downloaded while on the school network.
6. Technology devices may not be used to record, transmit, or post photographic images, audio, or video of a person or persons on school property or during school activities.
7. Technology may not be used to cheat on an assignment or test. Sharing information about an assessment is prohibited as well unless approved by the teacher. During class time, the electronic device may not be used for non-instructional purposes (such as making personal phone calls, texting, or instant messaging).
8. A student who brings a privately owned electronic device to school is personally responsible for the device. Any damage to the device and charges related to the use of the device is the responsibility of the student and/or his parent/guardian. Smyth County Public Schools is not liable for any device that is stolen or damaged. District staff will not provide support, service, or repair of any device that does not belong to the school division.
9. Students are responsible for ensuring any electronic device that they bring to school is virus free and do not contain any inappropriate or unauthorized files such as hacking software, inappropriate images/photos, etc.
10. Students are prohibited from using their device to create a WiFi hotspot.
11. Students may be asked to register their MAC address that is assigned to their device.
12. Smyth County Public Schools does not guarantee the privacy or security of any item stored on or transmitted by any privately owned electronics device.

As it relates to privately owned electronic devices being used on Smyth County Public Schools property, at a school activity, or on the division network, Smyth County Public Schools reserves the right to:

1. Monitor and log all activity.
2. Determine when and where privately owned equipment may be connected to the network.
3. Make determinations on whether specific uses of personal electronic devices are consistent with the Division's Acceptable Use Policy.
4. Deem what is appropriate for use of personal electronic devices on school property, at a school activity, or on the division network.

- 5. Suspend the user's access to the network and right to use the privately owned personal device on school property or at school activities at any time it is determined that the user is engaged in unauthorized activity or is violating the Acceptable Use Policy.

Violation of the Acceptable Use Policy on school devices or on personal electronic devices may result in disciplinary action being taken in accordance with school division policies and school rules. This may include but is not limited to removal of all access rights to the division network.

By signing below, I give permission for _____
(Student Name) to have a cellular telephone or other communication device on school property during the regular school day. My child and I have reviewed and understand the regulations outlined in this agreement.

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Adopted: