

Policy JICJ-R: Regulation – Personal Device & Network Use for External Coursework

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Purpose

This regulation establishes a limited exception to Policy JICJ: Unauthorized Communication Devices to allow students to use personal communication devices and personal internet connections solely for participation in approved external coursework, including:

- Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO)
- Career and Technical Center (CRTC) programs
- Virtual Learning Academy Charter School (VLACS)

This regulation is intended to ensure continuity of instruction where district network limitations restrict access to required educational platforms.

Scope of Exception

This is a restricted, permission-based exception and does not constitute general authorization for personal device use during the school day.

Authorization applies only when all conditions outlined in this regulation are met.

Authorization Requirements

Students may be granted permission under this regulation only when:

1. A Parent/Guardian Consent Form is signed and on file
2. A Student Agreement is signed
3. The student is actively enrolled in an approved external program (ELO, CRTC, VLACS)
4. The building principal or designee has approved participation

Permitted Use

Students approved under this regulation may:

- Use a personal device for instructional purposes
- Use a personal mobile hotspot or personal internet connection
- Access only coursework and platforms associated with approved programs

Operational Conditions

Approved use must occur:

- During designated academic periods only (e.g., study hall, assigned coursework block)
- In locations determined by the school (e.g., classroom, library, supervised space)
- Under general staff supervision

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Prohibited Uses

Students may not:

- Use personal devices for non-instructional purposes (e.g., social media, gaming, streaming)
- Record, photograph, or distribute content without authorization
- Interfere with the learning environment

Network Security Restriction (Critical Requirement)

To protect district network integrity and prevent circumvention of security controls:

- Students are strictly prohibited from sharing their personal internet connection or hotspot with any other student or device
- Students may not provide hotspot passwords or otherwise enable access to their personal network
- Students may not connect multiple devices to their personal hotspot

Any violation of this requirement will result in:

- Immediate revocation of authorization under this regulation
- Administrative review
- Possible disciplinary action consistent with district policy

District Responsibility and Limitation of Liability

The district:

- Does not provide, manage, monitor, or secure personal devices or personal internet connections
- Does not filter or monitor content accessed through non-district networks
- Cannot ensure compliance with content filtering requirements on personal networks

Participation under this regulation is voluntary and contingent upon parent/guardian acknowledgment of these conditions.

Staff Responsibilities

Staff members:

- Are not responsible for monitoring student activity on personal devices or personal networks
- May direct students to discontinue use if misuse is observed
- Shall report concerns or violations to administration

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Revocation of Privilege

Authorization under this regulation may be revoked at any time if:

- A student violates the conditions outlined herein
- Use interferes with the educational environment
- Safety, compliance, or operational concerns arise

Alignment with Policy

This regulation operates as a limited exception to Policy JICJ: Unauthorized Communication Devices and shall be interpreted in a manner consistent with all other district policies governing student conduct, technology use, and safety.

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