

Educational Program

Series 600

Policy Title: Personal Use of Student-Owned Laptops or Mobile Internet Devices (MID) in School

Code No. 605.7

PURPOSE: Greene County CSD strictly prohibits students ~~to~~ from bringing in a personal computer or tablet into the district for use. The district provides a Chromebook to every student, eliminating the need for a personal computer and/or tablet. Greene County CSD allows students to bring in a personal cell phone for communication purposes and to enhance their education. The purpose of this policy is to assure that students recognize the limitations that the school imposes on their use of personal cell phones and other personal digital devices. In addition to this policy, the use of any school computer; also requires students to abide by other Board and building policies relating to computer use.

During the course of the school year, additional rules regarding the use of personal cell phones and other personal digital devices may be added. If this occurs, any new rule will become a part of this policy.

General Usage

Greene County CSD provides the opportunity for students to bring a personal cell phone to school to use for communication and educational purposes tool. **The use of cell phones will be at teacher discretion.**

1. Students must obtain teacher permission before using a personal cell phone during classroom instruction.
2. Student use of a personal cell phone must support the instructional activities currently occurring in each classroom and lab.
3. Students must turn off and put away a personal cell phone when requested by a teacher.
4. Students should be aware that their use of the cell phone could cause distraction for others in the classroom, especially in regards to audio. Therefore, audio should be muted.
5. Students may use their personal cell phone before and after school in **adult supervised areas only**, such as the Media Center or classrooms with the teacher present. The cell phone should be used for educational purposes during these times also. If an adult asks a student to put his/her cell phone away because of games or other non-instructional activities during these times, the student must comply.
6. Cell phone use in bathrooms and/or locker rooms is strictly prohibited!

Consequences of General Usage

If students are found using a personal computer or tablet or refuse to comply with the above guidelines while using a cell phone, the following consequences will apply. Student infractions will be documented as a referral for each offense. The possible consequences for these infractions are outlined below:

- 1st offense –device taken – 30 minute detention with office, student can pick up device after the detention is served, parent called
- 2nd offense –device taken – 1 day in school suspension – parent called - parent picks up device
- 3rd offense –device taken – 3 day out of school suspension – parent called - parent picks up device
- 4th offense –device taken – 5 day out of school suspension – parent called - parent picks up device
- 5th offense –device taken – 10 day out of school suspension with the recommendation to school board for expulsion – parent called – parent picks up device

Personal Digital Device

1. Student Responsibility

The Greene County CSD accepts no responsibility for personal property brought to the school by students. This includes laptop computers, cell phones, and other personal digital devices.

Students who choose to bring a personal digital device to school assume total responsibility for the device. Devices that are stolen or damaged are the responsibility of the student and their parents or guardians.

Students should take all reasonable steps to protect against the theft or damage of their personal digital device.

2. Physical security

Students should take the following physical security preventative measures.

- Your personal digital device should NEVER be left unattended for ANY period of time. When not using your device, it should be locked in your school locker, left in your bag, left at home, or locked in a vehicle.

3. Network Access Control

1. Students do not have access to the school network (wired or wireless) using a personal digital device.
2. **Any student found connecting his/her personal digital device to the network using an ethernet cable plugged into a wall jack or wirelessly will have his/her device confiscated and lose personal cell phone privileges. The student and his parents/guardians will be financially liable for any damage caused to the school district network servers and computers by worms or viruses on a personal device that is connected to the school network.**

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3. No student shall knowingly gain access to, or attempt to gain access to, any computer, computer system, computer network, information storage media, or peripheral equipment without the consent of authorized school or district personnel.

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