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USE OF PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

The Weston Public Schools are committed to fostering a school environment that prioritizes engaged learning, supports the development of social skills, and promotes the overall well-being of our students. As part of this effort, the district is moving toward becoming community free of personal electronic devices. This means that, subject to the exceptions outlined below, personal electronic devices are not used by students during school hours.

Definition of Personal Electronic Devices

Personal electronic devices ("devices" as used herein) are defined as any electronic device owned by the student and used to access the internet, wi-fi, cellular telephone signals, or to capture or play images or video. These include, but are not limited to, smartphones, mobile phones, Bluetooth headphones, earbuds, smartwatches, tablets, laptops, and gaming devices.

The district reserves the right to classify additional devices as personal electronic devices.

2025–2026 School Year

Pre-Kindergarten Through Eighth Grade. Students are not permitted to use personal electronic devices at school during school hours. Students are encouraged to leave these devices at home. At the start of each school day, students must turn off their personal electronic devices and place them in a designated storage area. Students will re-gain access to their devices at the end of each school day.

Ninth Through Twelfth Grade. Students are not permitted to use personal electronic devices, except laptops, during instructional time, including study hall. Upon entering the classroom, students must turn off their devices and place them in a designated storage area. Devices may be retrieved only at the end of class. Students may use personal electronic devices while transitioning between classes and during lunch and scheduled free blocks.

No Later Than 2026–2027 School Year and Beyond

Pre-Kindergarten Through Twelfth Grade. Students are not permitted to use personal electronic devices at school during school hours, with the exception of laptops for students in ninth through twelfth grade. Students are encouraged to leave personal electronic devices at home. At the start of each school day, students must turn off their devices and place them in a designated storage area. Students will re-gain access to their devices at the end of each school day.

Accommodations

If a student has a disability or medical condition that requires a personal electronic device, the accommodation will be noted in the student's IEP, 504 Plan, or health plan. The special education team coordinator or health office will notify appropriate staff of the necessary accommodations.

School-Sponsored Trips

During school-sponsored trips (including field trips), the principal determines whether the use of personal electronic devices is allowed.

CROSS REF.: IJND - Student Appropriate Use Policy of Information Technology Resources

JIC - Student Discipline

JK - Student Conduct

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