

## **STUDENTS**

### **Personal Electronic Devices**

Everett Public Schools provides students with the technology they need during the school day to access digital and online learning experiences. However, students may use personal electronic devices (PEDs), such as cell phones, tablets, and other mobile devices while on school property or while attending school-sponsored or school-related activities subject to procedures established by the superintendent.

Students are responsible for the PEDs they bring to school. Everett Public Schools shall not be responsible for loss, theft, damage or destruction of devices brought onto school property or to school-sponsored activities or events off school property.

Use of personal electronic devices while on district property is considered a privilege and not a right and may be revoked at any time by a principal, assistant principal, or principal's designee. All authorized use at school shall be in compliance with district policy, school rules and applicable laws. Students will observe the following conditions:

- A. Students shall not use a PED in a manner that poses a threat to academic integrity, disrupts the learning environment or violates the privacy rights of others. Disrupting the learning environment means any intentional gesture, any intentional electronic communication or any intentional written, verbal or physical act or statement initiated, occurring, transmitted or received by a student at school that a reasonable person under the circumstance should know will have the effect of:
  1. Insulting, mocking or demeaning a student or group of students causing substantial disruption in, or substantial interference with, the orderly operation of the school; or
  2. Creating an intimidating, threatening, hostile or abusive educational environment for a student, group of students, or staff members through substantially severe, persistent or pervasive behavior;
- B. Students shall not send, share, view or possess pictures, text messages, emails or other materials depicting sexually explicit conduct, as defined in [RCW 9.68A.011](#), in electronic or any other form on a PED, while the student is on school grounds, at school sponsored events or on school buses or vehicles provided by the district;
- C. When a school administrator has reasonable suspicion, based on objective and articulable facts, that a student is using a PED in a manner that violates the law, district policy, or school rules, the administrator may confiscate the PED, which will only be returned to the student's parent/guardian;
- D. When a school administrator has reasonable suspicion, based on objective and articulable facts, that a search of a student's PED will reveal a violation of the law, district policy, or school rules, an administrator may conduct a search. The scope of the search will be limited to the violation of which the student is accused. Content or images that violate state or federal laws will be referred to law enforcement; and

E. Students who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action.

The superintendent shall develop procedures for the appropriate use of PEDs in Everett Public Schools.

Cross references:	<a href="#">Board Policy 2124</a>	Digital Citizenship and Media Literacy
	<a href="#">Board Policy 2125</a>	Web-based Resources and Other Online Educational Services
	<a href="#">Board Policy 3204</a>	Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying
	<a href="#">Board Policy 3205</a>	Sexual Harassment of Students
	<a href="#">Board Policy 3210</a>	Nondiscrimination
	<a href="#">Board Policy 3231</a>	Searches of Students and Their Property
	<a href="#">Board Policy 3240</a>	Student Conduct Expectations and Sanctions
	<a href="#">Board Policy 3245</a>	Technology
	<a href="#">Procedure 3245P</a>	Technology
	<a href="#">Procedure 3246P</a>	Personal Electronic Devices
	<a href="#">Board Policy 3300</a>	Student Discipline
	<a href="#">Board Policy 4411</a>	Working Relationships with Law Enforcement, Child Protective Services and the County Health Department

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