

**SECTION 529 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES/ENTERTAINMENT DEVICES**

The Portage Community School District recognizes the value electronic communication devices (ECD) add to the educational experience of all students in grades 9-12. The use of Electronic Communication Devices (ECD) includes, but is not limited to laptops, netbooks, mp3 players, tablet devices, and cell phones. These devices may not:

1. Disrupt the education process in the school district
2. Endanger the health or safety of any student or anyone else
3. Invade the rights of others at school
4. Involve illegal or prohibited conduct of any kind

Students may possess electronic communication devices while on school premises, which includes any place owned, rented, or under the control of the Portage Community School District. Possession or use of any ECD by a student is a privilege, which may be forfeited by anyone who fails to abide by district policy. Use of ECD for taking photos or recording video is prohibited unless approved in advance by the building administration. Use of ECD is prohibited in locker rooms, dressing rooms, bathrooms, or other locations where individuals can reasonably expect privacy. Violators may be subject to discipline and/or expulsion.

Use of ECD in the classroom, in areas being used to conduct instruction or on school trips are at the discretion of the teacher, coach, sponsor, chaperone, or any school staff member acting in an official or unofficial supervisory capacity. Use of such devices by students is to be determined by the instructor.

With these devices, students will have access to the district's wireless filtered internet. This access is for educational purposes only. The user experience will vary depending on the device used. Students using devices with cell-network capabilities will be expected to abide by the same guidelines as district-owned devices.

Technical support will not be provided for personal devices. The student must take full responsibility for setting up and maintaining the device. Students are responsible for ensuring their ECD have virus protection and are free of any viruses or other files that may affect the district network.

Students who bring in electronic wireless devices do so at their own risk. The Portage Community School District shall not be responsible for the safety, security, loss, or damage of personal electronic devices that students choose to bring to school. The Portage Community School District does not provide personal property insurance for any personally owned wireless communication devices.

All ECD and their users must follow the policies in the district's Internet Safety and Acceptable Use Policy. Any and all activity may be monitored when the devices are used on school property. Violations of this policy will result in the loss of network access, confiscation of the device, disciplinary action, and/or other consequences as deemed appropriate by district administration.

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