

RESPONSIBLE USE OF PERSONALLY OWNED DEVICES

Policy Code: 3228/4313/7321

The Caldwell County Board of Education believes that students and staff should be afforded ample opportunity to access valuable data and information available on the Internet. Staff and students will learn in seamless technology environments, and they will explore information and theory as well as ideas of their own imagination. They will use multiple technological tools for exploration, discussion, and reflection in a flexible and equitable setting.

As new technologies emerge, they provide many positive educational benefits for classroom instruction. To enhance technology in the schools, students and staff may “Bring Your Own Technology” (B.Y.O.T). To encourage B.Y.O.T., Caldwell County Schools will allow use of personally owned devices on our guest network and school grounds for students and staff. At all times such use shall adhere to Board policies 3225/4312/7320, Technology Responsible Use, and 3226/4205, Internet Safety.

For the purposes of this policy, a “personally owned device” shall include all existing and emerging technological devices that can take photographs; record audio or video; input text; upload and download media; and transmit or receive messages or images. This policy applies during the school day or when students are engaged in instructional activities on school grounds.

Personally owned devices must access the Internet via the Caldwell County School System’s content-filtered wireless network. Use of all devices (school owned and personal devices) shall comply with the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and all county policies. Internet connections such as 3G/4G cellular or other mobile Internet provider connections are not permitted. Students are not allowed to use their personally owned devices to create a wireless mobile “hot spot” for internet access.

Caldwell County Schools shall not be liable for the loss, damage, misuse, or theft of any personally owned device brought on school system premises or for any charges to a student or staff member that may be incurred during approved school-related use. Caldwell County Schools is not responsible for the protection or maintenance of personal devices. Students that bring devices to school do so at their own risk. Additionally, there is no expectation that parents should provide a device for their child for this program.

The school system reserves the right to monitor, inspect, copy, and review a personally owned device or file when administration has a reasonable suspicion that a violation of Board policies has occurred.

Students are expected to act responsibly and thoughtfully when using technology resources. Students bear the burden of responsibility to inquire with school administrators and/or teachers when they are unsure of the permissibility of a particular use of technology prior to engaging in the use.

Students must communicate appropriately when using personally owned devices on school grounds,

in accordance with Board policy 3225/4312/7320, Technology Responsible Use.

School district staff cannot provide any technical assistance on personally owned devices. Users are directed to utilize their user manuals and other resources provided by the manufacturer of their device for any technical assistance. Schools are unable to guarantee any opportunity to charge any personal device. It is the responsibility of the student to have a properly charged device.

All students shall review this policy and associated technology guidelines before students utilize any school and/or personally owned devices. The Board reserves the right to restrict student use of district owned technologies and personally owned devices on school property or at school-sponsored events.

Students are not permitted to use any electronic device to record audio or video media or take pictures of any student or staff member without their permission. The distribution of any unauthorized media may result in discipline including, but not limited to, suspension, criminal charges, and expulsion.

Legal References: U.S. Const. amend. I; Children’s Internet Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. 254(h)(5); Electronic Communications Privacy Act, 18 U.S.C. 2510-2522; Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. 1232g; 17 U.S.C. 101 *et seq.*; 20 U.S.C. 6777; G.S. 115C-325(e)

Cross References: Curriculum and Instructional Guides (policy 3115), Technology in the Educational Program (policy 3220), Technology Responsible Use (policy 3225/4312/7320), Internet Safety (policy 3226/4205), Copyright Compliance (policy 3230/7330), Web Page Development (policy 3227/7322), Student Behavior Policies (all policies in the 4300 series), Student Records (policy 4700), Confidentiality of Personal Identifying Information (policy 4705/7825), Public Records – Retention, Release, and Disposition (policy 5070/7350), Use of Equipment, Materials, and Supplies (policy 6520), Network Security (policy 6524), Staff Responsibilities (policy 7300), Employee Use of Social Media (policy 7335)

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