

## **RSU #63**

- a. NEPN/NSBA Code:** JFCK
- b. Title:** Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices at School
- c. Author:** Technology
- d. Replaces Policy:**
- e. Date Approved:** 01/30/2023 RSU #63
- f. Previously Approved:** 09/26/2022
- g. Policy Expiration:** Review as Needed
- h. Responsible for Review:** Policy Committee
- i. Date Reviewed:** 11/07/2022 Policy Committee
- j. References:** IJNDB/IJNDB-R - Student Use of School-Issued Computers/Devices and the Internet  
JIH – Questioning and Searches of Students  
JIC – System-wide Student Code of Conduct  
JICIA – Weapons, Violence and School Safety  
JICK – Bullying and Cyberbullying in Schools
- k. Narrative:**

The RSU #63 Board of Directors (the Board) recognizes that many students possess cellular telephones and other electronic devices. These devices may not be used at school or during school activities in any manner that disrupts the educational process or violates Board policies or school rules. The district is not responsible for damage, loss or theft of such devices. The Superintendent is authorized to develop, with input from administrators, any school rules necessary to implement this policy.

- I.** The use of cameras or the camera/video function on any device is strictly prohibited in locker rooms, restrooms and classrooms. In other school locations, students are required to obtain permission (from a staff member and from the individual(s) being photographed or videoed) before photographing or taking videos of any individual. Students are also required to obtain prior permission before posting any photos or videos of the individuals taken at school on social media or elsewhere.
- II.** Any use of personal electronic devices that violates any Board policy, administrative procedure, or school rule is strictly prohibited. In addition, accessing, viewing, submitting, forwarding, downloading or displaying any materials that are defamatory, abusive, obscene, vulgar, sexually explicit, sexually suggestive, threatening, discriminatory, harassing, bullying, and/or illegal is prohibited.
- III.** With parent/guardian consent, student cell phones and other electronic devices may be subject to search if there is reasonable suspicion that a student is violating Board policies, procedures or school rules, state or federal law, or engaging in other misconduct.
- IV.** Students violating these rules will be subject to discipline, which may include:
  - A.** Loss of the device for the remainder of the school day;
  - B.** Exclusion of the device from school for an extended period; and
  - C.** Sanctions ranging from detention to expulsion from school, depending upon the nature of the offense and the student's disciplinary record.