

POLICY

Board of Education Bernards Township

**File Code: M 5516
PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY**

DEFINITION OF PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY

Personal technology includes, but is not limited to, cellular phones, wireless earpieces, iPods, iPads, other mp3 players, calculators, and portable gaming devices.

USE OF PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY DURING CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION

Use of personal technology during instructional periods is prohibited, except when used as an aid to instruction at the discretion of the classroom teacher and/or building administrator or required by a student's individualized educational program (IEP). If personal technology is used as an aid to classroom instruction, students without access to those devices will not be penalized. Personal technology may not be used for purposes which are found to be disruptive to the school environment and students are still held responsible for the guidelines set forth in the districts Acceptable Use Policy (AUP). Disruption of the school environment shall be determined by school administration and faculty.

USE OF PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY OUTSIDE OF CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION

For students in grades K-5, cell phones and other devices must be off (not on vibrate or silent) at all times during school hours.

For students in grades 6-12, cell phones and other devices must be off (not on vibrate or silent) at all times during school hours, unless permission for an approved use has been explicitly granted by a faculty member or building administrator. Upon completion of the activity for which the approved use was granted, cell phones and other devices are to be turned off for the remainder of school hours.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK

A student who brings his/her device to school shall do so at his/her own risk. No searches or investigations will be conducted for lost or stolen devices. The district does not guarantee access to district provided internet access on personal devices. A student is solely responsible for all charges incurred by usage at anytime.

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