

Policy

UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (UAS)

The Little Silver Board of Education is committed to ensuring the safety of all staff members, students, parents, community members, and visitors while on school grounds. The board recognizes the operation of an unmanned aircraft system (UAS) on school grounds or flying an unmanned aircraft on or over school grounds may present a threat to the safety of students, staff members, parents/guardians, and community members present on school grounds.

An unmanned aircraft system is the unmanned aircraft and all the associated support equipment, control station, data links, telemetry, communications and navigation equipment, etc. necessary to operate the unmanned aircraft. The unmanned aircraft is the flying portion of the system by a pilot via a ground control system, or autonomously through the use of an on-board computer, communication links and any additional equipment that is necessary for the unmanned aircraft to operate safely. A model aircraft is considered an unmanned aircraft.

The board of education prohibits the operation of an unmanned aircraft system on school grounds, the launching or landing of an unmanned aircraft on school grounds, or the flying of an unmanned aircraft over school grounds at all times. However, the board of education may authorize the use of an unmanned aircraft system on school grounds for an approved school district purpose.

The board of education will take appropriate action in accordance with Federal Aviation Administration regulations and/or any State and local laws against any violations of the provisions of this policy.

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Resources:

Federal Drone Registry: http://federaldroneregistration.com/?gclid=CPmy9NLK5dMCFcxWDQodf_AO9w

Fact Sheet – Small Unmanned Aircraft Regulations (Part 107) at:
https://www.faa.gov/news/fact_sheets/news_story.cfm?newsId=20516

FAA Memorandum, May 4, 2016, Subject Educational Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)
https://www.faa.gov/uas/resources/uas_regulations_policy/media/interpretation-educational-use-of-uas.pdf

State and Local Regulation of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Fact Sheet, Federal Aviation Administration Office of the Chief Counsel, December 17, 2015 at:
https://www.faa.gov/uas/resources/uas_regulations_policy/media/UAS_Fact_Sheet_Final.pdf

Possible

Cross References: *1100 Communicating with the public

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*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.