

Policy

SCHOOL FURNISHED ELECTRONIC DEVICE: DISTRIBUTION AND USE

The Little Silver Board of Education is committed to providing the students of this district with the technology, tools and resources that enhance achievement for 21st century learners. Excellence in education requires that technology be seamlessly integrated throughout the educational program. Increasing staff and student access to technology is essential for the future, and one of the learning tools of these 21st century students is the school furnished electronic device computer. Integrating the use of technology and access to the Internet in all areas of the educational program promotes student achievement in the New Jersey Student Learning Standards by:

- A. Providing access to staff development and educational materials and resources;
- B. Providing information for research and study both inside and outside the classroom;
- C. Facilitating skill development and competency in the use of technology;
- D. Connecting the classroom to other local, national and global educational communities;
- E. Enhancing the continuous dynamic interaction among students, educators, parents and the extended community.

Therefore within the limits of the district budget, staff and students may be furnished with school owned electronic devices issued for the facilitation of their classroom assignments and responsibilities.

School Furnished Electronic Device Distribution

The superintendent or his or her designee shall develop guidelines for the equitable distribution of the available equipment by class or grade. The distribution of school furnished electronic devices shall not be discriminatory and in compliance with law and board policies for nondiscrimination (2224 and 6121).

Staff, parents/guardians and students shall sign and return the *Acceptable Use Agreement* before the school furnished electronic device shall be issued. The requirements for obtaining the school furnished electronic device and instructions for the responsible care of the device shall be distributed with the device.

The business administrator or his or her designee shall be responsible for the implementation of procedures for issuing school furnished electronic devices and maintaining accurate records related to the inventory of school owned equipment, who the equipment is issued to and the working condition at the time of issuance.

Any staff member or student issued school furnished electronic device shall be liable for any damage suffered during the period of its use. He/she shall be responsible for its safe return (board policy 3514 Equipment).

Staff Use

School furnished electronic devices may include pre-loaded software. Staff member shall not download additional software onto the electronic device or tamper with software included on the device. The Information Technology director or his or her designee is authorized to load or download software onto a

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school owned technology device. Staff may download legitimate iPad apps acquired directly from the Apple store.

Student Use

Students issued school owned electronic devices shall bring them to school as required by the class or classes for which the device has been assigned and shall be allowed to take the school furnished electronic device home at the end of the school day or week. Student use of school furnished electronic devices during school or at home shall be according to school policy 6142.10 Internet Safety and Technology. Teachers may set additional requirements for use in their classroom. Students who misuse, mistreat or intentionally damage/vandalize a school furnished electronic device shall be liable for the repair and/or replacement of the device or its accessories and shall be subjected to discipline up to and including suspension in accordance with the school code of student conduct (5131 Conduct and Discipline).

Students misusing the internet, accessing unauthorized internet locations or participating in any activities in violation of board policy 6142.10 Internet Safety and Technology shall be subjected to discipline up to, and including suspension and expulsion in accordance with the school code of student conduct (5131).

Notification of Recording

The district may furnish students with electronic devices such as laptop computers, tablets, notebooks, cellular telephones, or other electronic devices. When a student is furnished with an electronic device the district shall provide the student with written or electronic notification that the electronic device may record or collect information on the student's activity or the student's use of the device if the electronic device is equipped with a camera, global positioning system, or other feature capable of recording or collecting information on the student's activity or use of the device. The notification shall also include a statement that the district shall not use any of the capabilities in a manner that would violate the privacy rights of the student or any individual residing with the student. The parent or guardian of the student furnished an electronic device shall acknowledge receipt of the notification. The district shall retain the acknowledgement as long as the student retains the use of the electronic device.

Failure to provide the required notification shall be subject to a fine of \$250 per student, per incident. If imposed, the fine shall be remitted to the Department of Education, and shall be deposited in a fund that shall be used to provide laptop or other portable computer equipment to at-risk students.

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Key Words

School furnished electronic device, Internet, Equipment, Technology

Legal References: <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 2A:38A-1 <i>et seq.</i>	Computer System
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 2C:20-25	Computer Related Theft
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7A-10	NJQSAC
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:11-1	General mandatory powers and duties
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:36-35	School Internet websites; disclosure of certain student information prohibited
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:36-39	Notification by school to certain persons using certain electronic devices; fine
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:54-20	Powers of board (county vocational schools)

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N.J.A.C. 6A:19-6.7 Securing machines and equipment

17 U.S.C. 101 - United States Copyright Law

47 CFR 54.503(d) - Competitive Bidding; Gift Restrictions

47 U.S.C. 254(h) - Children's Internet Protection Act

State in re T.L.O., 94 N.J. 331 (1983), reversed on other grounds, New Jersey v. T.L.O., 469 U.S. 325 (1985).

Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015, Pub. L. 114-95, 20 U.S.C.A. 6301 et seq.

Possible

<u>Cross References:</u>	*1330	Use of school facilities
	*2224	Nondiscrimination/affirmative action
	*3250	Income from fees, fines, charges
	*3514	Equipment
	*3516	Safety
	*5114	Suspension and expulsion
	*5124	Reporting to parents/guardians
	*5131	Conduct/discipline
	*5131.1	Harassment, intimidation and bullying
	*5131.5	Vandalism/violence
	*5142	Student safety
	*6121	Nondiscrimination/affirmative action
	*6142.10	Internet safety and technology
	*6144	Controversial issues
	6161	Equipment, books and materials

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