

Amelia County Public Schools recognizes the value personal communication devices (hereinafter called PCD's) add to the educational experience of all students. The evolution of mobile technology, coupled with wide-spread wireless internet access, has put "personal computers" in the hands of most students. By designating specific times for PCD use and encouraging students to use technology in an appropriate manner, potential issues associated with a zero tolerance cell phone policy will be minimized.

The use of PCD's includes, but is not limited to, laptops, netbooks, tablet devices and cell phones. Only portable, personal devices are permitted to be brought to the schools, such as laptops, tablets, ipads, ipods, cell phones, etc.

These devices may not:

1. Disrupt the education process in the school district.
2. Endanger the health or safety of any student or anyone else.
3. Invade the rights of others at school.
4. Involve illegal or prohibited conduct of any kind.

Students will be permitted to use PCD's on school premises and at school-sponsored activities under the following conditions:

1. Student use of PCD's is permitted before and after the school day except as otherwise noted. The "school day" includes the period of time between the beginning of the first class and the end of the last class of the day.
2. PCD's may be used in classrooms for educational purposes at the discretion of the classroom teacher. Potential applications include calendars, calculators, clocks, GPS devices, maps, voice recorders, and research tools.
3. Students who bring PCD's to school are responsible for keeping them turned off/silenced and stored out of sight during all classes, except when allowed for instructional use by the classroom teacher.
4. The use of PCD's to take photographs or to receive or transport video images is prohibited at all times in locker rooms, restrooms, and other similar private areas.
5. Users are responsible for using their PCD's in a safe and secure manner, ensuring use does not create a safety hazard for themselves or others.
6. Users must understand that all personal devices and equipment are brought into the school at their own risk. The District is not responsible for loss, theft, or damage of personal equipment.

7. Students will not be provided the ability to charge devices, as electrical cables will create a safety hazard. As such, students should make sure devices are charged before bringing them to the school.
8. By bringing personal devices to school, users agree that, while within the school campus, they will access the Internet only via the District-provided Wi-Fi, and not via any cellular (3g, 4g) service or other internet wi-fi that may be available. Failure to follow this requirement is a violation of the Code of Conduct and subject to disciplinary action.
9. Use of the District's wireless Internet is governed by the District's Acceptable Computer Use policy (AUP), as well as the Code of Conduct. As such, all rules and regulations regarding acceptable and appropriate use of technology apply. Violations of the Code of Conduct or AUP are subject to disciplinary consequences.

Students who use PCD's in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with established district and school procedures. Students and parents shall be informed of this policy and related consequences for inappropriate PCD use annually.