

# 3080 DRAFT Electronic Devices Policy

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**Purpose:** The purpose of this policy is to outline the appropriate use of electronic devices by students.

1. Edith Bowen Laboratory School recognizes the fact that the responsible use of electronic devices in the classroom may be beneficial to a student's education; however, electronic devices can also have the effect of distracting, disrupting and intimidating others in the school setting and leading to opportunities for academic dishonesty and other disruptions of the educational process. In order to maintain a secure and orderly learning environment, ~~and~~ promote respect and courtesy regarding the use of electronic devices, ~~and comply with Utah State Code 53G-7-227~~, EBLs has established the following rules and guidelines governing student use of electronic devices and procedures to address student misuse.

## 2. **Definition**

a. ~~Electronic Device: A privately owned device that is used for audio, video, or text communication or any other type of computer or computer-like instrument which include, but is not limited to, cell phones, MP3 devices, iPads, tablets, personal digital assistants (PDAs), compact disc players, portable game consoles, cameras, digital scanners, laptop computers, eReaders and other electronic or battery powered instruments which transmit voice, text, or data from one person or entity to another. This also includes hands-free devices (Bluetooth) connected to devices listed above.~~

b. As used in this section:

- i. "Cellphone" means a handheld, portable electronic device that is designed to be operated using one or both hands and is capable of transmitting and receiving voice, data, or text communication by means of:
  1. a cellular network;
  2. a satellite network; or
  3. any other wireless technology.
- ii. "Cellphone" includes:

1. a smartphone;
2. a feature phone;
3. a mobile phone;
4. a satellite phone; or
5. a personal digital assistant that incorporates capabilities similar to a smartphone, feature phone, mobile phone, or satellite phone.

- iii. "Emerging technology" means any other device that has or will be able to act in place of or as an extension of an individual's cellphone. "Emerging technology" does not include school provided or required devices.
- iv. "Smart watch" means a wearable computing device that closely resembles a wristwatch or other time-keeping device with the capacity to act in place of or as an extension of an individual's cellphone. "Smart watch" does not include a wearable device that can only:
  1. tell time;
  2. monitor an individual's health informatics;
  3. receive and display notifications or information without the capability to respond; or
  4. track the individual's physical location.

- c. ~~Cyber Bullying: The use of e-mail, web pages, text messaging, blogs, instant messaging, three-way calling or messaging, or any other electronic means for aggression, intimidation, or harassment against another person.~~ 
- d. ~~Sexting: The taking, disseminating, sending, sharing, or possession of sexually explicit messages, photographs, or images by electronic devices.~~

### **3. Implementation**

- a. EBLS students may not use a cellphone, smart watch, or emerging technology at school between the initial and final school day bells. Parents needing to contact their students are asked to do so through the EBLS main office. Parent guidance for contacting students during emergencies are found in our Standard Response Protocol - Parent Guidelines document.
- b. ~~Electronic devices may be used during the school day, during school sponsored activities or transportation as follows:~~ 

- i. Students may have electronic devices in their possession during the regular school day.
- c. A teacher or school administrator should only authorize the use of electronic devices during a class period or other school activity when it benefits and enhances the students' education.
- d. Electronic devices must be either turned off and stored in a student's locker or backpack, or held in a secure place by the teacher or main office, as determined by individual teacher, during class quizzes, tests and standardized assessments, unless specifically allowed by law, an IEP, a Section 504 Accommodation Plan, or a Health Care Plan, or testing/assessment directions.
- e. Students may use an electronic device in an emergency situation that threatens the health, safety or well-being of students (including themselves), school employees or others.
- f. If students intentionally use or respond to electronic devices during instructional time, without teacher permission, the electronic device may be confiscated.

#### 4. **Violations**

- a. Students cannot use electronic devices at any time or place for:
  - i. Activities which disrupt the educational environment.
  - ii. Illegal activities in violation of state or federal laws or regulations.
  - iii. Unethical activities, such as cheating on assignments or tests.
  - iv. Immoral or pornographic activities, including, but not limited to sexting.
  - v. Activities which threaten, humiliate, harass, or intimidate others.
  - vi. Activities in violation of EBLs policies and procedures relating to student conduct and harassment.
  - vii. Activities which invade the privacy of others.
- b. Activities which constitute bullying or cyber bullying.
- c. Students found in violation will be sent to administration and are subject to discipline according to established policies and procedures.
- d. Electronic devices used in violation of this policy will be confiscated by school personnel and returned to the student or parent/guardian at the end of the day, an appropriate time. If an electronic device is confiscated, the electronic device shall be taken to the school's main office to be identified, placed in a secure area, and returned to the

~~student and/or the student's parent/guardian in a consistent and orderly way.~~

##### **5. Other Provisions**

- a. Students bring electronic devices on school property or to school activities at their own risk. The school is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged electronic equipment.
- b. Students are strictly responsible for their own electronic devices. If devices are borrowed or taken and misused by non-owners, device owners are jointly responsible for the misuse or policy violation(s).
- c. Electronic devices inappropriately used or disclosed may be subject to search by school administrators based on reasonable suspicion.