

# Personal Device Policy

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Purpose: To provide guidelines for student use of personal devices at school. For this policy, “devices” refers to laptops, netbooks, cell phones, smartphones, iPads, tablets, smart watches, and eReaders. Please note that gaming devices are not permissible.

Pioneer Springs respects the right of parents and families to determine the type of devices students will carry and how they will use them. We also seek to balance this growing daily dependency on technology with the purpose of the school to educate students in a distraction-free environment. To that end, the following are the guidelines for student use of devices at school:

1. Students who bring personal devices to school must adhere to the Behavior and Discipline Policy, the Pioneer Springs Family Handbook, the Internet Safety Policy, and all Board Policies.
2. Parents share the expectation of the school that primary communication will always be facilitated by contacting the school. In particular, students are not expected to text during the school day; likewise, parents should refrain from texting or calling students at school.
3. Each teacher has the discretion to allow and regulate the use of personal devices in the classroom and on specific projects. Devices may only be used to access computer files on internet sites relevant to the classroom curriculum.
4. Approved devices must be in silent mode or turned off while on campus unless otherwise allowed by a teacher. Headphones may be used with the teacher's permission.
5. High School Students are granted additional personal device privileges:
  - a. During lunch break and carpool
  - b. Approved times designated by teachers
  - c. To listen to music during independent work times with the teacher's permission, utilizing headphones and at a volume to not disturb others.
6. Devices may not be used to cheat on assignments, quizzes, or tests or for non-instructional purposes (such as making personal phone calls and text messaging).

7. Students may not use devices to record, transmit, or post photographic images or video of a person or persons on campus during school hours or school activities unless otherwise allowed by a teacher.
8. Pioneer Springs is not responsible for the damage or theft of personal devices. While school employees will help students identify how to keep personal devices secure, they will be responsible for securing their personal devices. Similarly, Pioneer Springs is not responsible for any possible device charges to an account that might be incurred during approved school-related use.
9. Access to the internet while at school must be through the school network (no cellular access) and the school's network filters will be applied to a device's connection. Any attempt to bypass the network filters is prohibited.
10. Pioneer Springs personnel will collect any device that is being used outside of the articulated guidelines or that is causing an interruption to instruction. Collected devices will be held until the end of the school day and may be collected at the Main Office after school.
11. Printing from personal devices will not be possible at school.
12. Personal devices must be charged before school and run on battery power while at school. Charging of devices will not be permitted at PSCS.