

Personal Device Policy

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Purpose: To provide guidelines for students bringing personal devices to school. For the purpose of this policy the word “devices” will include: laptops, netbooks, cell phones, smart phones, iPods, 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, 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, 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 not text or call 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. Of note, devices may only be used to access computer files on internet sites which are relevant to the classroom curriculum.
4. Approved devices must be in silent mode or turned off while on school campus, unless otherwise allowed by a teacher. Headphones may be used with teacher permission.
5. 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).
6. 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 during school activities, unless otherwise allowed by a teacher.
7. 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, students will have the final responsibility 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.

8. 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.
9. Pioneer Springs personnel will collect any device that is being used outside of the articulated guidelines or which is causing an interruption to instruction. Collected devices will be held until the end of the school day and returned to parents.
10. Printing from personal devices will not be possible at school.
11. Personal devices must be charged prior to school and run on battery power while at school. Charging of devices will not be permitted at PSCS.