



ALASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Model Cell-Phone Policy

Definitions

- A. Personal Electronic Device ("Device"): Any device used for internet access, Wi-Fi, cellular communication, or image/video capture, including but not limited to cell phones, smartwatches, tablets, and gaming devices.
- B. Device Accessories: Wired or wireless accessories or wearable technology connected to a device, along with other commonly used related items.
- C. School Day: The period from a student's arrival on campus until dismissal at the end of instructional time. This definition may extend to buses, field trips, and athletic events, as determined by the school district.
- D. Access: The act of viewing, holding, wearing, or using a device for communication, internet access, gaming, recording, or related functions. Devices must be powered off and stored as directed during the school day. Exceptions for medical, classroom, or other authorized uses should require prior written approval.
- E. Authorized for Classroom Use: Device use explicitly approved in writing by the District Superintendent or designee, aligned with educational objectives that cannot be achieved using district-owned devices. Students must receive clear usage instructions, and approvals may be revoked if objectives are unmet, or disruptions occur.

Policy Implementation and Enforcement

- A. General Prohibition: Students are prohibited from accessing devices or wearing device accessories during the school day unless explicitly authorized for classroom use. Devices and accessories must be stored in lockers, backpacks, or as directed by the school district. The district may prohibit possession of devices and accessories on school property.
- B. Special Accommodations: Students with an approved IEP, Medical Plan, or 504 Plan are permitted device access for medically or educationally necessary purposes specified in the plan.
- C. Emergency Personnel Exceptions: Students who are members of volunteer firefighting or emergency organizations may carry a device with written permission from the District Superintendent or designee.
- D. Violations: Students violating this policy are subject to progressive discipline as outlined in the district's student code of conduct and enforcement procedures.



Follow-Up

The Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) will conduct a survey of superintendents and relevant personnel to gather feedback on effective practices and areas for improvement following policy implementation.