**WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES POLICY**  
(Use of “Personal Technology Devices”)

Pursuant to Oklahoma law, the Western Heights Board of Education has established and implemented rules regarding student possession and use of “personal technology devices.” The district’s intent with this policy is to allow educators/students to embrace innovation but also limit potential risks. These rules shall be in effect while students are ON school premises, or while ON school transportation, or while attending any function sponsored/authorized by the school.

It is the policy of the Board of Education that a student may possess a wireless telecommunications device while on school premises, or while in transit under the authority of the school, or while attending any function sponsored or authorized by the school upon prior written consent of both the student’s parent or guardian, and the superintendent or the superintendent’s designee.

Students using personal technology devices before school, between classes, at lunch or after school MUST adhere to district policy and procedure for “appropriate use.” In order to protect instructional time and alleviate interruptions, personal devices should be out of sight and/or turned off when entering the classroom UNLESS the teacher allows the use of the device for instructional purposes.

Teachers choosing to allow the use of personal technology devices in the classroom do so to provide an additional conduit in the pursuit of teaching and learning. It is not required as a component of curriculum but may exist as an instructional option.” Integration of personal technology devices into curriculum is at the discretion of the instructor with approval of the designated administrator. The instructor will determine the specific instructional objective addressed and the manner in which the device will be used. Such use must not constitute a distraction or inhibit the instructional environment. The instructor and/or administrator may terminate students’ access at their discretion. Use of personal technology devices in one classroom DOES NOT CONSTITUTE APPROVAL for use elsewhere in the building or the District.

Personal technology devices may NOT be used inappropriately for school settings. Inappropriate uses of personal technology devices include, but are not limited to:

- Making audio or video recordings and/or digital photographs (unless approved as part of a class assignment)
- During tests, examinations, and/or assessments
- Cheating or engaging in unethical conduct especially that which threatens academic integrity
- Gaining access and/or viewing Internet resources/websites that are blocked by the district's content filter (The district's Jet Net acceptable use policy, Internet safety and CIPA policies apply to the use of personal technology devices on campus. This includes CIPA compliant internet filtering)
- Invading the privacy rights of any student or employee, violating the rights of any student or staff member, bullying or cyberbullying (harassing, threatening, intimidating) any student or staff member and/or promoting or engaging in violence
- Using a personal technology device in locker rooms, bathrooms, dressing rooms, etc.
- Creating, sending, sharing, viewing or disseminating sexually explicit, lewd images or video content, as such acts may be a crime under state and/or federal law.
- Disrupting the educational, learning environment
- Attaching a non-district owned wireless access point, wireless router, or wireless bridge to the district-owned network.

• Establishing a “mobile hotspot” or otherwise permitting use by others
• Controlling/interfering with the operation of the buildings’ systems, facilities/infrastructure or network

Students using personal technology devices inappropriately (as deemed by the teacher/administrator) will be asked to surrender the device pending disciplinary procedures. Refusing to relinquish the device to school personnel upon request is “defiance of authority” and additional disciplinary consequences will be imposed.

Students & employees have no expectation of privacy when using the district’s wireless network or other services; therefore, in addition, they should have no expectation of privacy when they use personal technology devices on the district’s wireless network or other services. If school officials have reasonable suspicion that the use of a personal technology device has materially and substantially disrupted the school’s atmosphere, the device may be lawfully searched and/or turned over to law enforcement when warranted.

Students who choose to bring personal technology devices to school do so “at their own risk.” The school district assumes NO liability for any personally-owned technology device. There is no assumption of liability by the district if a personal technology device is lost or stolen and administrators are under no obligation to assist in locating and/or retrieving those devices. The district reserves the right to deny network access to any user or any specific device.

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