

**MILLINOCKET SCHOOL BOARD POLICY
RULES FOR STUDENT USE OF PRIVATELY-OWNED
ELECTRONIC DEVICES AT SCHOOL**

1. Students are prohibited from using privately-owned devices, including but not limited to cell phones, smartphones, tablets and electronic games during classes and school activities, including study halls, field trips and co-curricular/extra-curricular activities.
 - a. During classes and school activities, all electronic devices must be turned off and put away in lockers, backpacks, etc.
 - b. The only exception to this rule is when a teacher specifically authorizes students to use electronic devices for a specific purpose.
 - c. If this rule is violated, the teacher will immediately confiscate the device for the remainder of the school day, and discipline may be imposed as provided below.
2. Students may use privately-owned electronic devices between class periods and during lunch periods. Care must be taken to use such devices in a manner that does not interrupt the activities of others.
3. Students may use privately-owned electronic devices while traveling to and from school activities to the extent allowed by bus drivers or employees chaperoning trips.
4. The use of cameras or video/sound recording functions on any electronic device is strictly prohibited in locker rooms, restrooms, and classrooms. In other school locations, students are required to obtain permission before photographing, taking videos or audio recording any individual. Students are also required to obtain prior permission before posting any photos, videos or sound recordings of individuals taken at school or during school activities on social media or elsewhere.
5. Any use of privately-owned electronic devices that violates any Board policy, procedure or school rules is strictly prohibited. In addition, accessing, viewing, submitting, forwarding, downloading or displaying any materials that are defamatory, abusive, obscene, vulgar, sexually explicit, sexually suggestive, threatening, discriminatory, harassing, bullying and/or illegal is prohibited.
6. Students' privately-owned electronic devices may be subject to search if there is reasonable suspicion that a student is violating Board policies, procedures or school rules, or engaging in other misconduct, and that the device may contain relevant evidence. Administrators may confiscate such devices for as long as necessary to complete their investigation. A student who refuses to comply with a

search directive may be subject to disciplinary action, including the disciplinary consequences for the suspected violation.

7. Students violating these rules will be subject to discipline, which may include:
 - a. Revoking the privilege to possess privately-owned electronic devices at school; and/or
 - b. Sanctions ranging from detention to expulsion from school, depending upon the nature of the offense and the student's disciplinary record.

Cross Reference: IJND/IJND-R – School Website and Social Media
JIH – Questioning and Searches of Students
JIC – System-Wide Student Code of Conduct
JICIA – Weapons, Violence and School Safety
JICK – Bullying and Cyberbullying Prevention in Schools

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