

# **POLICY Board of Education of Queen Anne's County**

<b>Responsible Office:</b>	Assistant Superintendent
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## **Personal Electronic Device**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to authorize the establishment of guidelines for the student and employees of Queen Anne's County Public Schools' use of electronic devices on the grounds, buildings, and buses of Queen Anne's County Public Schools (QACPS).

### **II. POLICY STATEMENT**

The Board of Education of Queen Anne's County (Board) recognizes that electronic devices including cell/smartphones are an integral part of our everyday world and through instant communication may add to the well-being of students. While in general, the Board acknowledges that electronic devices have value but the Board also recognizes the possibility that these devices may distract or disrupt an educational environment. Therefore, limited use of student and employee electronic devices will be permitted but must strictly follow the prescribed guidelines.

### **III. DEFINITIONS**

- A. *Acceptable Use of Electronic Networks Policy* - the overriding policy that governs and establishes guidelines for the use of all technology equipment, software, related materials, electronic communications, and licensed network systems.
- B. *Electronic device* - (1) a cell/smartphone, a computer, and any other device that is capable of transmitting, receiving, or recording messages, images, sounds, data, or other information by electronic means or that, in appearance, purports to be a cell phone, computer, or such other device; and (2) a camera, regardless of whether it operates electronically, mechanically, or otherwise and regardless of whether images are recorded by using digital technology, film, light-sensitive plates, or other means.
- C. *Guidelines* - procedures designed to ensure that portable communication devices do not disrupt the learning environment.
- D. *Public School Property* - any Queen Anne's County Public School grounds, building, and buses.

### **IV. POLICY ELEMENTS**

### **V. IMPLEMENTATION**

The Board directs the Superintendent to implement this policy.

**VI. POLICY REVIEW**

This policy will be reviewed by the Responsible Office annually after its initial adoption and/or last revision.

**VII. SPECIFIC REFERENCES TO TITLES, DEPARTMENTS, OR LAWS**

- A. Acceptable Use of Electric
- B. Network Policy Disciplinary
- C. Policies Grades PK-12 Support
- D. Disciplinary Procedure
- E. Maryland Code

**VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE**

Date: August 3, 2022



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**HISTORY:**

<b>Initial Adoption</b>	01/04/17	<b>Revised</b>	04/06/22	<b>Reviewed</b>	--/--/----	<b>Next Review</b>	04/06/23
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