

REGULATION Board of Education of Queen Anne's County

Responsible Office:	Assistant Superintendent
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REGULATION for 603 Policy Personal Electronic Device

I. REGULATION ELEMENTS

A. Use of Cell/Smart Phones in Queen Anne's County Public Schools (QACPS)

1. As set forth in the Board of Education of Queen Anne's County (Board) Acceptable Use of Electronic Networks Policy (AUP) under no circumstances are students or employees permitted to use electronic devices including cell/smartphones on Queen Anne's County Public School (QACPS) property or during school-sponsored activities or events in order to transmit any text or images that are obscene, pornographic, illegal, profane, violate academic policies, or invade another's privacy. This includes "sexting" (the sharing of explicit or otherwise sexually provocative photos) and inappropriate digital content.
2. Additionally, as set forth in the Board's Acceptable Use of Electronic Networks Policy QACPS will not assume any responsibility or liability for loss, damage or destruction of any personal (both student and employee) cell/smartphone.
3. Guidelines for use of student electronic devices:
 - (a) Students may possess electronic devices during the school day in accordance with the following regulations:
 - (i) Elementary - Prior to entering the school building, the cell/smartphone must be turned off and removed from sight.
 - (ii) Middle and High School - A classroom teacher may provide a student permission to use the device for an authorized activity during class.
 - (b) All students who have an electronic device used as part of their IEP, 504, behavior or medical plan are authorized to carry such a device during the regular school day.
 - (c) During regular bus transportation to and from school, students may only use electronic devices with bus driver permission.

B. Student Misuse of Electric Device

1. Any staff member having knowledge of unauthorized possession or use of an electronic device by a student on QACPS property shall promptly report this information to the Principal/designee.
2. Students who misuse personal electronic devices in any of the following ways may face disciplinary action. Some examples of personal electronic misuse include, but are not limited to, sexting, bullying, cheating, and unauthorized recording.

C. Consequences for Inappropriate Use

1. The consequence for students shall conform to the Disciplinary Policies Grades PK-12.
2. The consequence for QACPS employees shall conform to the appropriate policy or regulation, collective bargaining agreement, and the Maryland Code.

II. IMPLEMENTATION

The Superintendent directs QACPS staff to implement this regulation.

III. EFFECTIVE DATE

Date: August 3, 2022



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 Superintendent, Queen Anne’s County Public Schools

HISTORY:

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