



# STONE VALLEY COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

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## POLICY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Title:** Use of Personal Electronic Devices

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### PURPOSE

The Board believes that the educational environment should be free from unnecessary disruptions, distractions and threats. The Board has determined that the presence of personal electronic devices in schools has the potential to distract from the primary purpose of education and otherwise disrupt the educational environment. Therefore, the Board adopts this policy to establish reasonable rules and regulations to authorize possession of electronic devices in school while still ensuring the presence of these devices does not disrupt the educational environment or distract, harass or threaten others.

### AUTHORITY

24 PS 1317.1

Use of electronic devices is permitted only according to the terms outlined in this policy. The Board permits the use of electronic devices in line with the expectations set forth in the Acceptable Use Policy.

The Board authorizes the Director of Education or designee to define the educational value and permit or place restrictions on the possession or use of any electronic device.

Electronic devices shall not be used in any way that disrupts or detracts from the education and work environment. The Board permits the use of electronic devices for educational and operational purposes. The Board further permits electronic devices for nondisruptive use during noninstructional times. The use of electronic devices during school-related activities is at the discretion of the Director of Education.

Personal electronic devices brought to the Charter School by students, may not be connected to the Charter School's network.

The Charter School shall not be liable for the loss, theft, damage or misuse of any electronic devices brought to school possessed/used during the school day, in/on Charter School buildings, property, or vehicles or contracted vehicles, during transport to/from school, while attending school-sponsored activities. The Charter School will provide no technical support, troubleshooting, or repair for students' personal electronic devices.

Use of electronic devices for photography and/or recording may only occur when authorized by the Director of Education for the purposes of participation in educational activities.

The Board prohibits the taking, storing, disseminating, transferring, viewing or sharing of obscene, pornographic, lewd, or otherwise illegal materials, whether by electronic data transfer or other means, including but not limited to, texting and emailing. Recording anyone without their knowledge and permission is prohibited and may be punishable under federal, state and local laws.

Because such violations may constitute a crime under local, state and/or federal law, the Charter School may report such conduct to local, state and/or federal law enforcement agencies.

## **DEFINITIONS**

**Electronic devices** shall be defined as any device capable of capturing, storing, and/or transmitting information, including text, images, audio, and/or video data; or that may provide a wireless, unfiltered connection to the Internet. Examples of these electronic devices include, but are not limited to, such devices as:

- Cellular devices (those that receive and send information electronically)
- Digital cameras
- Personal digital assistants (PDAs)
- Laptop computers
- Digital tablets
- MP3 players
- Mobile devices

- Any new technology developed with similar capabilities

## **DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITY**

Students shall be notified annually regarding the Board's electronic device policy.

## **GUIDELINES**

Any and all use of electronic devices is subject in the restrictions, monitoring, guidelines, and prohibitions of the Acceptable Use Policy. Violations of this policy shall result in disciplinary action and may result in confiscation of the electronic device.

Use of electronic devices pursuant to this policy is a privilege, not a right, unless otherwise required by legal exception stated below. Abuse of this policy will result in discontinuation of electronic device privileges as determined by the administration.

### Legal Exceptions

The Director of Education may grant approval for possession and use of an electronic device by a student for the following reasons:

1. Health, safety or emergency reasons.
2. An individualized education program (IEP or a Chapter 15 Service Agreement (504 Plan).
3. Other reasons determined appropriate by the Director of Education.

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