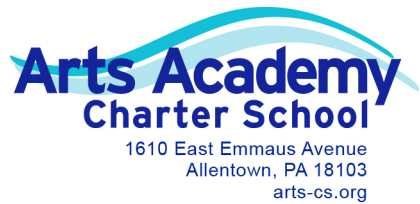


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Board Policy 9.1.3

Use of Personal Technology

AACS is dedicated to providing technology for students to use and to teaching students how to use such technology for meaningful educational purposes. It is also dedicated to teaching students basic internet safety, cyber-etiquette, and other important lessons regarding the use of technology. However, it will do so through the careful and controlled use of school-owned technology with online access that is monitored and contains age-appropriate filters and restrictions.

The Board recognizes that the use of personal technology can serve legitimate purposes within the context of a school, but it also recognizes that the benefits of the use of such devices must be weighed carefully against the risks and negative educational impact associated with student use of personal technology during the school day. Students can easily become distracted by the use of such devices as cell phones and tablets, which can detract from their educational progress and hinder classroom productivity.

In addition, the Board recognizes that the age of our students makes them particularly vulnerable to cyberbullying and other misuse of the internet and digital communications, which can cause harm and decrease a child's ability to focus on learning. With the widespread availability of 3G and 4G networks, portable hotspots and other external, non-school wifi access points, it is impossible to monitor or restrict the online access of students' use of the internet on personally-owned devices for safety purposes.

Finally, AACS is proud to be a public charter school, equally available to all students regardless of socio-economic status, and allowing the use of personal technology in school could pose a disadvantage to and/or bring negative attention to those who might not be able to afford certain types of personal technology.

Prohibition of Use of Personally-Owned Technology for Students

For all of these reasons, the use of personal technology by students during the school day is strictly prohibited. Devices must remain powered off and kept out of sight. Texting, talking on cell phones, and the use of 3G or 4G network, personal hotspot, or other non-AACS internet connection is prohibited during the school day. Failure to comply with this Policy will result in disciplinary action.

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Faculty/Staff Member Use of Personally-Owned Technology

Faculty and staff members may utilize personal technology in their personal time, such as during their lunch breaks, but they may not use such devices during their official duties. Use of personally-owned technology by faculty and staff members while they are responsible for the supervision and/or teaching of students is restricted to emergency use only.

Faculty and staff members may not at any time permit a student to use the faculty/staff member's device. Emergency phone calls for students must be made from a school phone.

Use of personally-owned technology for teaching purposes is strictly prohibited, and faculty/staff may not permit a student to use a personally-owned device to bypass the school's network either directly or through a mobile hotspot.

Failure to comply with this Policy may result in employee discipline.