



SIDE BY SIDE
CHARTER SCHOOL

Series 5000
STUDENTS

USE OF PRIVATE TECHNOLOGY DEVICES BY STUDENTS

Students may possess privately owned technological devices on school property and/or during school sponsored activities, in accordance with the mandates of this policy and any applicable administrative regulations as may be developed by the **Executive Director or Side by Side Board of Directors**.

Definitions

School Technology Resources

For the purposes of this policy, “School Technology Resources” refers to **Side by Side Charter School’s** computers and instructional technologies; communications and data management systems; informational technologies and the Internet; and any other technology resources owned and/or used by **Side by Side Charter School** and accessible by students.

Privately Owned Technological Devices

For the purposes of the this policy, “Privately Owned Technological Devices” refers to privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic hand-held equipment that can be used for word processing, wireless Internet access, image capture and recording, sound recording, information transmitting and/or receiving, storing, etc. These devices may include, but are not limited to, personal laptops, Smartphones, network access devices, Kindles, Nooks, cellular telephones, personal audio players, I-Pads or other tablet computers, walkie-talkies, Blackberries, personal data assistants, I-Phones, Androids and other electronic signaling devices.

Use of Privately Owned Technological Devices

Privately owned technological devices may not be used during instructional time, except as specifically permitted by instructional staff.

Use of any such device for an improper purpose is prohibited. Improper purposes include, but are not limited to:

- Sending any form of harassing, threatening, or intimidating message, at any time, to any person (such communications may also be a crime);

- Gaining or seeking to gain unauthorized access to school technology resources;
- Damaging school technology resources;
- Accessing or attempting to access any material that is obscene or contains pornography;
- Cyber bullying;
- Using such device to violate any school rule, including the unauthorized recording (photographic, video, or audio) of another individual without the permission of the individual or a school staff member; or
- Taking any action prohibited by any Federal or State law.

Search of Privately Owned Technological Devices

A student's privately owned technological device may be searched if there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that the search will turn up evidence that the student has violated or is violating either the law or the rules of the school. Any such search shall be reasonably related to the objectives of the search and not excessively intrusive in light of the age and sex of the student and the nature of the infraction.

Responsibility for Privately Owned Technological Devices

Students are responsible for the safety and use of their privately owned technological devices. If a privately owned technology device is stolen, lost, or damaged, a report should be made to the building principal, who will investigate the loss in a manner consistent with procedures for stolen or damaged personal property. Students and parents should be aware that the school is not liable for any privately owned technological device that is stolen, lost, or damaged while at school or during a school-sponsored activity. For that reason, students are advised not to share or loan their privately owned technological devices with other students.

Disciplinary Action

Misuse of the school's technology resources and/or the use of privately owned technological devices to access or utilize the school's technology resources in an inappropriate manner or the use of such devices in any manner inconsistent with this policy will not be tolerated and will result in disciplinary action. For students, a violation of this policy may result in loss of access privileges, a prohibition on the use and/or possession of privately owned technological devices on school property or at school-sponsored activities, and/or suspension or expulsion in accordance with the school's policies related to student discipline.

Closed Forum

This policy shall not be construed to establish a public forum or a limited open forum.

Legal References:

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-233j

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 31-48d

Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 53a-182; 53a-183; 53a-250, et seq.

Conn. Gen. Stat. §10-66dd (b) (1)

Electronic Communication Privacy Act of 1986, Public Law 99-508, codified at
28 U.S.C. §§ 2510 through 2520

ADOPTED: _____

REVISED: _____

9/11/2016