

Rules associated with an acceptable use of technology policy must be developmentally- and age-appropriate for students. To that end, the following rules have been developed to address what is acceptable use at the three levels of organization within the ECASD – elementary, middle and high schools.

Elementary School Rules for Student Acceptable Use of Technology

1. While students at this level will be at significantly different levels of development in terms of independence and decision-making, the elementary school age level is generally viewed as a level where different types of technology should be less dependent upon what students bring to the setting and more focused upon the provision of appropriate resources by the District. To this end, students are generally discouraged from bringing personal technological devices to school.
2. The District shall provide student-parent educational opportunities regarding expectations as students move to the middle and high school levels regarding the appropriate use of personal technological devices as well as a waiver of school and school district liability regarding the damage, loss or theft of personal technological devices during the school day or at school-sponsored activities.

Middle School Rules for Student Acceptable Use of Technology

1. Middle school students, not unlike their elementary counterparts, may be at vastly different stages of cognitive development at this level. However, it is generally accepted that students are becoming increasingly technologically adept in middle school. Therefore, it is developmentally-appropriate to provide additional instruction and opportunities for students to demonstrate their growing sophistication in the use of personal technological devices.
2. The District recognizes that whether students have their own personal technological devices is a family decision. In order to address equity issues, the District would provide access to students who do not own personal technological devices in circumstances where they are being used for instructional purposes.
3. Students at the middle school level shall be permitted to bring personal technological devices to school. However, access to those devices are limited to those times noted below:
 - a. Before- and after-school in areas designated by the school principal or designee.
 - b. In the classroom only at the request and under the supervision of a classroom teacher or designee.
 - c. Use during the school day during unsupervised times is prohibited.
4. The District shall provide annual student-parent educational opportunities regarding the appropriate use of personal technological devices as well as a waiver of school and school district liability regarding the damage, loss or theft of personal technological devices during the school day or at school-sponsored activities.

High School Rules for Student Acceptable Use of Technology

1. High school students, as a whole, tend to be our more mature students when it comes to decision-making; therefore, it is developmentally-appropriate to provide more opportunities for high school students to use personal technological devices at school.
2. The District recognizes that whether students have their own personal technological devices is a family decision. In order to address equity issues, the District would provide access to students who do not own personal technological devices in circumstances where they are being used for instructional purposes.
3. Students at the high school level shall be permitted to bring personal technological devices to school. However, access to those devices are limited to those times noted below:
 - a. Before- and after-school in areas designated by the school principal or designee.
 - b. At lunch time on campus in areas designated by the school principal or designee.
 - c. In the classroom only at the request and under the supervision of a classroom teacher or designee.
 - d. Use during the school day outside of a-c above is prohibited.
4. The District shall provide annual student-parent educational opportunities regarding the appropriate use of personal technological devices as well as a waiver of school and school district liability regarding the damage, loss or theft of personal technological devices during the school day or at school-sponsored activities.

In no case are students permitted to use personal technology devices in schools or at school-related events while in restroom or locker room facilities. In order to ensure that proper protocol is followed and no mistakes occur, students shall “power down” all such devices prior to entering either restroom or locker room facilities. Any violation of the protocols associated with personal technology device use in restroom or locker room facilities shall result in a ban for personal use by the student during the time that student is enrolled in the Eau Claire Area School District and may result in referral to the appropriate legal authority for possible prosecution.