

<b>Title:</b> <b>Acceptable Use of Personal Electronic Devices in School Purpose Vehicles</b>	<b>Procedure #: 015</b>	<b>Effective:</b> <b>October 2017</b>
<b>Section:</b> <b>Operating Guidelines</b>	<b>Page:</b> 1 of 1	<b>Next Review:</b> <b>May 2021</b>

<b>Statement</b>	<p>The use Personal Electronic Devices (PEDs) on the school purpose vehicles will be limited to the advancement/ enhancement of the student's studies or for the personal consumption of age appropriate information/ material.</p>
<b>Procedure</b>	<p>For the purposes of this procedure, a PED is described as any electronic device which has the ability to record and/or display video and/or audio material. Examples of PEDs may include, but are not limited to: cellular phone, smart phone, CD/ MP3 player, hand held video recorder, etc.</p> <p>Acceptable use of a PEDs while in a school purpose vehicle includes, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>AUDIO</u>: using a PED to play music with the use of headphones, earbuds, or similar device which limits the audio sounds to the individual.</li> <li>• <u>VISUAL</u>: using a PED to play video that contains content which is, or ought to be known to be, age appropriate and is not offense to others while using headphones, earbuds, or similar device which limits the audio sounds to the individual.</li> <li>• <u>RECORDING</u>: using a PED to record audio and/ or visual material which does not invade the privacy of other riders on the bus including the bus driver/ rider's aide.</li> <li>• <u>STORAGE</u>: the PED must be stored/ positioned in such a way that limits the probability of the device from becoming a projectile in the event of an accident or when sudden braking occurs. Common safe areas include, but are not limited to: being placed in the student's lap, backpack or pocket.</li> </ul> <p>In the event that a driver witnesses, hears or otherwise is informed that a PED is being used in a way that is determined to be not acceptable, the driver will take reasonable steps to ensure that the action ceases immediately. Where the action continues, the driver will inform the school principal of the action(s) via a Student Conduct report (TF017).</p>



	<p>As it is understood that a school purpose vehicle is an extension of the classroom, pupils of the board are ultimately responsible for their actions to their school principal and all of the policies and procedures relating to acceptable use of technology. Action(s) taken by the principal, as a result of non-compliance with the above stated expectation or other board policy/ procedure, will be in line with the steps described in (025) Progressive Discipline for Infractions on a School Bus.</p>
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