

**MOBILE DEVICE POLICY**  
**Hickory High School**  
**2012-2013**

The Hermitage School District supports the use of computers, the Internet, and other network devices in the instructional program to facilitate learning through interpersonal communications and access to information, research and collaboration. Student possession of personal electronic devices designed to communicate, create or store information is permitted by the district at the discretion of the teacher. Students who choose to connect to the district network agree to the requirements of the Computer/Network Acceptable Use Policy and should consider his/her personal devices subject to the same level of monitoring and access as any district-owned technology device. The district reserves the right to monitor Internet and network use of personal devices on all district networks.

The Hermitage School District does not require students to bring their personal devices into school. Those who do bring devices assume all risks of damage, theft, loss or misuse of such devices. The use of personal mobile devices is with the understanding that the student has the permission of his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) to bring the devices onto school property. **The district holds no responsibility for damage or loss of personal devices.**

Use of personal mobile devices that disrupt the instructional day or include possession, viewing, sending or sharing picture, video, or audio information which has sexual, violent or threatening content on school grounds, school buses or at school events is prohibited and will result in disciplinary action and/or confiscation of the personal device.

The district recognizes that students have the ability to use personal devices to access sites that would otherwise be restricted if they were using district owned equipment or were connected to the district network. The district is not responsible for such content being accessed or posted. However, the district may take action if it is in violation of an existing policy.

**Student Personal Devices Permitted**

**Laptops**

- Notebooks
- Tablets (iPad, Kindle)

**iPods/MP3 Players**

**Cell Phones**

## Student Personal Devices Not Permitted

Laser Pointers

Desktop/Nettop Computers

PSPs, Game Boys, and other gaming devices

DVD Players

Blue Tooth and other hands-free cell phone devices

## Acceptable Uses of Student Personal Devices

### **Classroom Use – all classroom use is at teacher discretion**

- Teacher directed activities
- Note taking
- Headphones/ear buds must be out of ears during class time

### Non-Classroom Use

- Texting and listening to music are permitted in study hall, the cafeteria and the hallways
- Headphones must be used for listening to music at a volume that cannot be heard by others
- Cell phones and other personal devices are to be silenced during school hours (7:30 am – 2:30 pm)

## Unacceptable Use of Student Personal Devices

- At no time during school hours are phone calls to be made on any personal devices. In the event of an emergency, students are to make calls in the office
- The use of personal devices to capture photos, video or audio recordings of students or staff is prohibited unless it is under the direct supervision of school personnel and is for internal school use only
- Sending text, image, sound, video or files for the purpose of cheating is prohibited
- Students may not answer or initiate personal device communication during instructional time

## Other Important Information

- There will be no printing from personal mobile devices
- Personal mobile devices must be charged prior to entering the school; if the battery runs out during the school day, the device must be put away

- Personal mobile devices may not be plugged into district owned technology for projection or other purposes
- District staff will not attempt to fix personal mobile devices that stop working or do not work; if the student cannot connect or use the device by the start of the class period, it must be put away to avoid distractions
- All personal mobile devices that are connected to the district network will automatically be scanned for anti-virus software and hacking tools before access will be granted
- Students will not be permitted to play web or other games on the district network; those who attempt to play such games will have their device locked out of the district network.
- Students who attempt to share pirated or illegally obtained software, music, videos or files with others will have their device locked out of the district network.
- Sleeve cases are to be used rather than full laptop cases
- Students should register their devices using the Google form located on the district website; this will aid in helping to recover a lost or stolen device

Inappropriate use of personal mobile devices and/or the district network will result in consequences that correspond to the Hermitage School District Computer/Network Acceptable Use Policy and the Hickory High School student handbook as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Violation – Warning

2<sup>nd</sup> Violation – Detention

3<sup>rd</sup> Violation – A minimum of one day in-school suspension

4<sup>th</sup> Violation – A minimum of one day out-of-school suspension

All consequences are at the discretion of administration and the severity of the infraction will determine the level of consequence. The administration reserves the right to revoke personal mobile device privileges. In severe cases, recommendation for expulsion or referral to authorities may be appropriate.

For a complete copy of the School Board approved Computer/Network Acceptable Use Policy, please contact the office. This information can also be found on pages 11-12 in the Hickory High School Student Agenda Book.