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## 7523 - SCHOOL DISTRICT PROVIDED TECHNOLOGY DEVICES TO STUDENTS

[See POLICY ALERT No. 199]

The Board of Education may provide technology devices to students in the district for school district authorized use only. The purpose of this Policy is to establish general guidelines for the issuance and utilization of any school district technology device provided to students of this district. For the purposes of this Policy, "technology device" or "device" shall include, but not be limited to, portable devices such as computers, laptops, tablets, cellular telephones, or any other computing or electronic devices the school district provides to students to be used as part of their educational program.

A technology device made available to students will be considered a textbook or supply, as defined in N.J.S.A. 18A:34-1, mandatory to a successful completion of the classroom curriculum. A technology device provided by the school district may include pre-loaded software. A student is prevented from downloading additional software onto the technology device or tampering with software installed on the technology device. Only school district authorized staff members may load or download software onto a school district provided technology device.

To receive a school district provided technology device, the parent and student must sign a School District Provided Technology Handbook requiring the parent and the student to comply with certain provisions. These provisions may include, but are not limited to:

1. A school district provided technology device must be used only by the student for school district authorized use;
2. A student shall comply with the school district's acceptable use of technology policies, which shall be attached to the School District Provided Technology Handbook, in their use of any school district provided technology device;
3. The Board and school district administration reserve the right to collect, inspect, and otherwise audit district-issued technology devices at any time and without prior notice;
4. Any school district provided technology device loaned to a student must be returned to the school district in the condition it was initially provided to the student considering reasonable use and care by the student;

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5. The parent or student shall be responsible to reimburse the school district the cost of any technology device that is lost, damaged beyond reasonable use or beyond its value, abandoned, missing, stolen, or cannot be returned to the district in accordance with the terms of the School District Provided Technology Handbook;
6. The district may require, or offer as an option, depending on the type of technology device provided to the student, an insurance policy to be purchased by the parent or student that would cover certain damage to a technology device during the time period the student has possession of the device. The parent or the student shall pay any insurance policy required deductibles in the event of a loss;
7. In the event the school district does not require the purchase of an insurance policy for a technology device or the parent or student elects not to purchase optional insurance, the parent and/or student shall be responsible for any loss or damage to the technology device in accordance with the terms of the School District Provided Technology Handbook;
8. A student will be required to report any hardware or software problems in the operation of the device to the school district staff member, designated on the School District Provided Technology Handbook, within two school days of the commencement of the problem;
9. A student must report to the school district staff member designated on the School District Provided Technology Handbook Form within two school days in the event the technology device has been damaged or is missing;
10. The student shall have the technology device in their possession in school as required; and
11. Any other provisions the Superintendent of Schools determines should be included on the School District Provided Technology Handbook.

The school district will provide the student and parent with written or electronic notification that the technology device provided by the school district may record or collect information on the student's activity or the student's use of the technology device if the device is equipped with a camera, global positioning system, or other feature capable of recording or collecting information on the student's activity or use of the device. This notification shall also include a statement that the school district shall not use any of the capabilities in a manner that would violate the privacy rights of the student or any individual residing with the student. The parent shall be required to acknowledge receipt of this notification and the parent acknowledgement shall be retained by the Principal or designee for as long

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as the student retains the use of the school district provided technology device. The parent acknowledgement and a signed School District Provided Technology Handbook shall be required before the issuance of a technology device to a student. In accordance with the provisions of P.L. 2013, Chapter 44, a school district failing to provide this notification shall be subject to a fine of \$250 per student, per incident. The fine shall be remitted to the New Jersey Department of Education, and shall be deposited in a fund that shall be used to provide laptop or other portable computer equipment to at-risk students as defined in N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-45.

Students shall comply with all school district policies for the use of a school district provided technology device. A student shall be subject to consequences in the event the student violates any school district policy, including the district's acceptable use policies; student code of conduct; any provision of this Policy; or any provision of the School District Provided Technology Handbook.

N.J.S.A. 18A:34-1

P.L. 2013, Chapter 44 – “The Anti-Big Brother Act”

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