

WEARABLE TECHNOLOGY

INTRODUCTION

The procedure establishes the guidelines for the appropriate use of Wearable Technology by staff, students and parents/caregivers within the School District ("District"). This procedure seeks to ensure that the use of Wearable Technology in connection with the District programs or activities is responsible and appropriate, and does not undermine the privacy, security or safety of others or interfere with the School District's ability to maintain academic integrity.

SCOPE

This procedure applies to all students, staff, parents/caregivers, and visitors to a school or at school events or activities.

This procedure does not apply to District surveillance systems, the routine use of District-owned devices or technology, or the collection and use of information where there are urgent and compelling circumstances affecting an individual's health or safety.

Wearable Technology

"Wearable Technology" includes any electronic device worn or carried on the body that has computing capability and can record, transmit or display data; Examples include:

- Smart glasses or AI glasses.
- Smartwatches or Fitness trackers with recording or communication capabilities.
- Wearable cameras (e.g. GoPro)
- Augmented Virtual Reality headsets.
- Devices with biometric sensors.
- Listening or recording devices (e.g. Angel Sense devices)
- Other devices or software that enables hidden recording or devices like smart phones or computers.

Guidelines for Acceptable Use

All staff, students and visitors are expected to comply with the following standards with regard to the use of Wearable Technology while at school or participating in school or District events or activities.

1. Wearable Technologies may not be used by students on school property and during school sanctioned events without express approval of the supervising Principal or Teacher, and provided their use is supervised and relevant and necessary for an educational activity.
2. Teachers may request that Wearable Technologies be removed by students during instruction, examinations, assessments or other situations to preserve academic integrity.

3. Students may not use Wearable Technologies to record the delivery of academic lessons or instruction without the consent of the teacher or instructor, except as permitted by this procedure.
4. The use of Wearable Technologies by staff, students, parents/caregivers or visitors to engage in unauthorized recording or collecting of images or information of staff and/or students about others is prohibited. Wearable Technologies may not be used to record or photograph other individuals without the explicit consent of those individuals.
5. Whether or not approved or consented to, Wearable Technologies may never be used to record audio, video or images in restrooms, locker rooms or any space where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy.
6. The use of AI Glasses or other AI Technologies that engage in the real-time streaming or transmission of content at school or school or District organized activities are not permitted except as approved under this procedure.
7. The use of Wearable Technology to engage in facial recognition or any AI-based identification at school or School events or activities is prohibited.
8. The District reserves the right to further restrict or ban the use of Wearable Technologies where they interfere with the safety or privacy of others or otherwise interfere with the ability of students, staff or visitors to focus or engage in meaningful participation in School programs or activities.

Listening Devices

9. Devices that allow parents/caregivers to “listen-in” or remotely monitor communications taking place at school are privacy invasive and interfere with the District’s ability to provide a privacy appropriate, respectful, safe and healthy working and learning environment. Parents/caregivers seeking to equip their child with such Wearable Technology are expected to first seek approval of the Principal to ensure that such device uses are legally permissible and meet the requirements of this procedure. The School District reserves the right to refuse approval in order to preserve privacy, safety, security or academic integrity.

Accommodating Exceptionalities

10. Students or staff with a documented disability or exceptionality may be authorized by their Principal to use Wearable Technology, subject to the development of a clearly defined accommodation plan approved by the Manager, Health & Safety (*for staff only*) and School Principal, including measures to minimize the privacy impact on other individuals and ongoing monitoring to ensure appropriate use.

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