THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY

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2363 PUPIL STUDENT USE OF PRIVATELY-OWNED TECHNOLOGY

The Board of Education recognizes technology is always changing and as a result of increased accessibility to technology many <u>pupils students</u> possess technology devices for their use during non-school hours. These privately-owned devices may be beneficial to <u>pupils students</u> during school hours for approved educational purposes. Therefore, the Board of Education will allow <u>pupils</u> students to use their privately-owned technology devices under conditions outlined in this Policy.

For the purpose of this Policy, "technology" means hardware or software.

For the purpose of this Policy, "privately-owned" means technology hardware and software that is purchased, owned, and maintained by the pupil-student at no expense to the school or school district.

For the purpose of this Policy, "hardware" means any device that can store, access, retrieve, and/or communicate data or information. "Hardware" may include, but is not limited to, any type of computer device; wireless telephone; electronic reader; personal digital assistant (PDAs); video broadcasting and/or recording device; or camera.

For the purpose of this Policy, "software" means any computer program(s) or related data that provide instruction for telling a computer or other hardware device what to do and how to do it.

The use of privately-owned technology by a <u>pupil student</u> in the educational program during the school day must be approved by the <u>pupil's student's</u> parent or legal guardian and the school teaching staff member responsible for supervising and/or providing the <u>pupil's student's</u> instructional program. A teaching staff member may approve a <u>pupil's student's</u> use of privately-owned technology based on the assignment(s) to the <u>pupilstudent</u>. The teaching staff member may also prohibit the use of privately-owned technology for an assignment(s).

Teaching staff members must get prior approval from their immediate supervisor or Principal before allowing students to use privately-owned technology during instructional time.

Pupils shall not use privately owned technology as a telephone or to send text or similar messages during classroom hours except as maybe directed by the classroom teachers.

Teaching staff members shall notify their supervisor or Principal when pupils will be using privately-owned technology during instructional time.

Pupils Students who use privately-owned technology in school will not be given access to the school district's computer server(s) or printer(s). In the event the teaching staff member approves the use of privately-owned technology to access the Internet, the access must be through the privately-owned technology without the use of any school district hardware or software. A teaching staff member who approves a pupil-student to use their privately-owned technology to access the

Internet during instructional time will provide the pupil-student with a list of approved Internet sites the pupil-student granted such permission must comply with school district policies and regulations regarding acceptable use of computers and technology. Any use of privately-owned technology by a pupil-student shall be in strict accordance with the teaching staff member's specific approval(s) and Board policies and regulations. Any violation will pupil-student-to-appropriate-consequences-including, but not limited to, discipline and/or, gradeing change or credit loss consequences-including, but not limited to, discipline and/or, gradeing change or credit loss consequences-including, but not limited to, discipline <a href="and-or-or-and

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The teaching staff member, in considering the use of privately-owned technology, will ensure such approval does not provide any <u>unfair</u> advantage or benefit to the <u>pupil</u> <u>student</u> who owns such technology over the <u>pupil</u> <u>student</u> who does not own such technology. The teaching staff member will not approve the use of privately-owned technology if the teaching staff member determines the use would be <u>unfairly</u> advantageous <u>or beneficial</u> to the <u>pupil</u> <u>student</u> who owns such technology over the <u>pupil</u> student who does not own such technology.

The school district assumes no responsibility for any privately-owned technology brought to school by a pupil-student. The pupil-student shall be responsible for the proper operation and use of any privately-owned technology brought to school. School staff members shall not be responsible for the effective use and/or technical support for any privately-owned technology.

The school district shall assume no responsibility for the security of or damage to any privately-owned technology brought to school by a <u>pupilstudent</u>. <u>Pupils Students</u> are encouraged to purchase private insurance for loss, damage, or theft of any privately-owned technology the <u>pupil student</u> brings to school.

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