

# **INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 593**

## **Acceptable Use Policy for Mobile Devices**

Crookston School District #593 (District) recognizes that mobile phones and digital devices are now an integral part of our student's culture and way of life and can have considerable value, particularly in relation to individual safety. It is also recognized that such technology will play a significant part in the education of the 21<sup>st</sup> century student. Their use should follow agreed rules and guidelines to prevent classroom disruption, student misuse and teacher difficulties. With all offenses, building administrators may use discretion in selecting a consequence.

### **1. Potential Disadvantages**

Parent should be aware of and accept the potential disadvantages of mobile devices being allowed at school.

- 1.1 Mobile devices may be damaged, lost or stolen.
- 1.2 Students can be bullied by text messaging or other means.
- 1.3 Mobile devices can be used to access, store and communicate inappropriate material.
- 1.4 They can disrupt the learning environment.
- 1.5 Students with mobile devices which have internet access plans have the capability of accessing an unfiltered internet.
- 1.6 Camera functions can lead to child protection and data protection issues with regard to inappropriate capture, use or distribution of images.
- 1.7 In some instances data or usage fees on mobile devices may increase.

In an effort to prevent the disadvantages and to provide a safe learning environment for the student, the District has developed and will enforce the following Acceptable Use Policy for Mobile Devices (AUPMD). Parent should read the policy and discuss it with their child prior to allowing them to bring a mobile device to school.

### **2. General Conditions for Mobile Device Use**

- 2.1 The term mobile device in this policy denotes mobile phones, laptops, iPod touches, tablets such as the iPad or Android OS device or any similar mobile device that can access the District network.
- 2.2 Students, their parents or guardians must read and sign the Acceptable Use Policy for Mobile Devices before students are given permission to bring mobile devices to school.
- 2.3 Use of a mobile device must adhere to the District's AUPMD.
- 2.4 The AUPMD also applies to students during school excursions, camps and extra-curricular activities.
- 2.5 Parents are reminded that in cases of emergency, the schools office remains a vital and appropriate point of contact and can ensure your child is reached quickly and assisted in any appropriate way.
- 2.6 File Storage on the network or internet dropbox from personal mobile devices is limited to school work only. Anything not directly related to school work will be removed by the Technology Director or school official.

### **3. Responsibility of Student and Parents**

- 3.1 It is the responsibility of students who bring mobile devices to school to abide by the guidelines outlined in this document. Failure to follow these guidelines will subject the student to the District's Code of Conduct or loss of use of the device.
- 3.2 The decision to provide a mobile device to their children should be made by parents or guardians and they should be aware if their child takes a device to school.
- 3.3 Permission to have a mobile device at school while under the school's supervision is contingent on parent/guardian permission in the form of a signed copy of this policy. Parents/guardians may revoke approval at any time.
- 3.4 In the event a mobile device is brought to school without a signed agreement by the parent, the student by the fact of bringing the device onto a campus implies agreement to accept the rules governing mobile devices.
- 3.5 Responsibility for the mobile device rests with the student and the District accepts no financial responsibility for damage, loss or theft. The student should keep the mobile device secure and locked away in their locker when not in use.
- 3.6 All cost for data plans and fees associated with mobile devices are the responsibility of student.

### **4. Acceptable Use of Mobile Devices**

- 4.1 Specific acceptable use of a mobile device will be determined by each building. These policies will be stated in the schools' Student Handbook.

