

Policy 8080: Responsible Use of Technology, Digital Tools, and Social Media



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Purpose of this Report

- Addresses a direct request presented at a previous Board of Education meeting.
- Share next steps for continued implementation enhancements for Policy 8080.

Strategic Call to Action Alignment

Goal 1: Student-Centered Practices

- Students are at the forefront of every strategy and decision.

Goal 3: Responsive and Efficient Operations

- Organizational processes are transparent, effective, and fiscally responsible to ensure that resources are equitably allocated, accessible, and support the success of all students and staff.



Overview

- Policy 8080 was last revised effective July 1, 2020.
 - **Elementary**: Students will keep personal technology devices in backpacks during the school day, unless otherwise authorized by school administrators or instructional staff.
 - **Middle**: Students will not use personal technology devices during non-instructional time, to include but not limited to transition between classes, lunch, recess, or in bathrooms. A school administrator may, on occasion, authorize the use of personal technology devices for special events and/or for positive behavioral supports and interventions.
 - **High**: Students may only use personal technology devices during classroom instruction when allowed by instructional staff; and may use personal technology devices during non-instruction.
- Most policies are revised every 6 years; however, Policy 8080 has a 3-year revision timeline (2023).

The Current Landscape

Similar ...

- **Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Carroll County, Frederick County, and Montgomery County**
 - The use of Personal Technology Devices (PTDs) is differentiated by level
- **Montgomery County**
 - Expectations by level are aligned

Slightly Different ...

- **Anne Arundel County**
 - The use of PTDs is determined by each school and each classroom teacher
- **Baltimore City**
 - Requires a PTDs agreement
 - PTDs must be “stored and off” at the elementary level
- **Baltimore County**
 - PTDs allowed during non-instructional times at middle level
- **Carroll County**
 - Policy uses “out of sight” language at all levels
- **Frederick County**
 - Requires a PTDs agreement
- **Montgomery County**
 - Requires a PTDs agreement

Implementation Update

- **Enhanced Communication, Norming, and Learning Recommendations**
 - Align district and school-based communications
 - Description of policy and rationale
 - Parents/guardians should refrain from contacting students via cell phone and use the school phones during the school day
 - Utilize social emotional learning (SEL) lessons outlining the importance of self-respect, respect of others, and self-regulation
 - Create one video or webinar message (students, parents/guardians, and staff)
- **Administrators are implementing the policy as written.**
 - Leaders surveyed (each Area and each level represented in response data)
 - Aware and implementing Policy 8080
 - Implementation with fidelity is evolving with a balance of reminders, continued education, and use of teachable moments



Future Considerations

- ✓ **Ongoing Communication and Policy Branding**
- ✓ **Stakeholder Engagement to Enhance Implementation**
- ✓ **Student Voice Emphasized**

Questions

