

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON
POLICY NUMBER 02-0050-000
USE OF EQUIPMENT/MATERIALS BY STUDENTS

JULY 18, 2022

Background Information:

The Board maintains a manual which sets forth the various policies of the Harford County Public Schools (“HCPS”). The manual contains policies which are either required by federal and state law and regulation or which are, in the Board’s judgment, necessary and appropriate in order for the school system to operate in a lawful, appropriate, and effective manner. Included among such policies is that entitled:

02-0050-000 Use of Equipment/Materials by Students

Discussion:

This proposed, revised policy sets forth criteria regarding student use of equipment and materials on and off school premises, that a student shall use reasonable and ordinary care when using equipment and materials on and off school premises, and that the school principal may obtain restitution as permitted by law when equipment or material is damaged on or off school property as a result of a student’s negligence or intentional act. The proposed revisions to this policy set forth the same standards of care and recourse for restitution regarding on school premises use as is currently set forth for off school premises use. The proposed changes to this policy address near systemwide student use, on and off school premises, of electronic devices provided to them by HCPS.

Proposed revisions to this policy were recommended to the Board at its business meeting on March 28, 2022. The policy was posted for public comment, and no comments were received.

Superintendent’s Recommendation:

For the reasons set forth above, the Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the proposed revisions to policy 02-0050-000 entitled Use of Equipment/Materials by Students.

Attachments:

1. Current Board Policy 02-0050-000 entitled Use of Equipment/Materials by Students.
2. Proposed, revised policy 02-0050-000 entitled Use of Equipment/Materials by Students.

POLICY TITLE: Use of Equipment/Materials by Students		
ADOPTION/EFFECTIVE DATE: 6/14/2010	MOST RECENTLY AMENDED:	MOST RECENTLY REAFFIRMED:
POLICY/PROCEDURE MANUAL SUMMARY CATEGORY: Students		

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to set forth criteria regarding student use of equipment and materials off school premises.

II. Policy Statement

- A. School staff may authorize students to possess temporarily and use school equipment and materials, including books and technology equipment, off school premises, when such possession and use is consistent with curricular and extracurricular purposes.
- B. When possessing or using such equipment and materials off school premises, student shall use reasonable and ordinary care.
- C. In the event school equipment or material in the possession of or used by a student off school property is damaged or destroyed as a result of the student's negligence or intentional act, the principal of the student's school may obtain restitution as permitted by law with respect to such damage or destruction and, when appropriate, may impose disciplinary sanctions.

Board Approval Acknowledged By:

Robert M. Tomback, Ph.D., Secretary and Treasurer
Board of Education of Harford County

Policy Action Dates		
ACTION DATE	ACTION DATE	ACTION DATE
Adopted 6/14/2010		

Responsibility for Policy Maintenance & References		
LAST EDITOR/DRAFTER NAME: Patrick P. Spicer, Esquire	JOB POSITION OF LAST EDITOR/DRAFTER: General Counsel	
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POLICY NUMBER PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 1, 2005:		

POLICY TITLE: USE OF EQUIPMENT/MATERIALS BY STUDENTS		
ADOPTION/EFFECTIVE DATE: 06/14/2010	MOST RECENTLY AMENDED: 06/14/2010	MOST RECENTLY REAFFIRMED: 05/06/2002
POLICY/PROCEDURE MANUAL SUMMARY CATEGORY: STUDENTS		

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to set forth criteria regarding student use of equipment and materials on or off school premises.

II. Statement of Policy

- A. School staff may authorize students to possess temporarily and use school equipment and materials, including books and technology equipment, on or off school premises, when such possession and use is consistent with curricular and extracurricular purposes.
- B. When possessing or using such equipment and materials on or off school premises, student shall use reasonable and ordinary care.
- C. In the event school equipment or material in the possession of, or used by, a student, on or off school property, is damaged or destroyed as a result of the student's negligence or intentional act, the principal of the student's school may obtain restitution or reimbursement, as permitted by law, with respect to such damage or destruction and, when appropriate, may impose disciplinary sanctions.

Board Approval Acknowledged By:

Sean W. Bulson, Ed.D.

Policy Action Dates							
ACTION		DATE		ACTION		DATE	
Adopted		06/09/1986					
Reaffirmed		05/06/2002					
Amended		06/14/2010					

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LEGAL REFERENCES¹

References are set forth in the Procedure.

¹ All references are to specific federal or Maryland statutes or regulations. References are provided for convenience and informational purposes only and are not to be considered as exhaustive or as precluding Harford County Public Schools from relying upon any other statutes or regulations in support of a policy or procedure.