

Technology Resources, Internet Use, and Student Wireless Communication Device Policy

2026–2027

Purpose

Woodland School provides technology resources to support teaching, learning, communication, creativity, research, and school operations. Use of school technology is a privilege and all users are expected to use these resources responsibly, ethically, safely, and in accordance with school expectations.

Technology Resources

- School-issued devices
- Internet and wireless network
- Google Workspace and approved educational software
- Approved Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools
- Email, cloud storage, and learning platforms

Privacy and Monitoring

School technology, accounts, and network activity may be monitored, inspected, and reviewed by Woodland School. Users should not expect privacy when using school technology resources.

Acceptable Use

- Educational research and assignments
- Communication with teachers
- Classroom collaboration
- Teacher-approved AI tools
- School-sponsored educational activities

Prohibited Uses

- Illegal activity
- Cyberbullying or harassment
- Accessing inappropriate material
- Sharing passwords
- Attempting to bypass security
- Unauthorized recording
- Academic dishonesty or misuse of AI
- Damaging school technology

Student Wireless Communication Devices – 'Away for the Day'

Beginning with the 2026–2027 school year, Woodland School follows Michigan law regarding student wireless communication devices. Personal communication devices—including cell phones, smartphones, smartwatches with communication capabilities, earbuds, headphones with communication capabilities, and similar devices must remain away for the day during the instructional day.

Devices must be powered off or silenced and stored as directed by school staff. Students may not use personal communication devices during class, passing periods, lunch, recess, assemblies, or other school-sponsored activities unless specifically authorized by a staff member for an educational purpose, required by an IEP, Section 504 Plan, medical plan, or otherwise permitted by law.

Emergency Communications

During emergencies, students must follow all directions from Woodland School staff and emergency responders. Families should rely on official Woodland School communications rather than contacting students directly until reunification or other instructions are provided.

Consequences

Violations may result in loss of technology privileges, confiscation of devices, parent notification, restitution, disciplinary action, suspension, expulsion, or referral to law enforcement when appropriate.

Acknowledgment

Enrollment at Woodland School acknowledges receipt of this handbook and agreement to comply with this policy.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONSENT

I have read, understand and give my permission for the below-named student/s to have access to on-line resources provided by Woodland School. I agree 1) that the student/s listed below will abide by the Policy for Acceptable Use of On-line Resources, 2) that Woodland School will not be held responsible for any effect of the student's use of the system, and that 3) I will accept responsibility for any effect of the student's use of the system.

Parent Name (please print)

Parent/Guardian

Signature _____ Date _____

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the Telecommunications Policy for Acceptable Use of On-line Resources at Woodland School, particularly the “Specific Use Guidelines.”

Student Name (Please Print) _____ Date _____

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