

Unmanned Aircraft (Drone) System and Model Aircraft

The unapproved use or possession of an unmanned aircraft system (UAS) or model aircraft on district property or at a district-sponsored event is prohibited. This means, individuals and entities will not, at any time, without prior superintendent or designee approval, use or possess a UAS or its components, or model aircraft on, in, above, or upon any district property or premises, including those owned, leased, maintained, or used by the district.

The district reserves the right to remove or refuse entry or admission to any individual or entity who violates this policy. The district further reserves the right to exclude any individual or entity who violates this policy from future entry upon district property or entry to district-sponsored events. Students and staff members violating this policy will be subject to disciplinary action or discharge. Any violator will also be reported to authorities, including local law enforcement and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Definitions

1. Unmanned Aircraft System:

Unmanned aircraft system means an unmanned aircraft and associated elements (including communication links and the components that control the unmanned aircraft) that are required for the pilot in command to operate safely and efficiently in the national airspace system.

2. Unmanned Aircraft (commonly referred to as a drone):

Unmanned aircraft means an aircraft that is operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft.

3. Model Aircraft:

A model aircraft means an aircraft that is:

- A. Capable of sustained flight in the atmosphere;
- B. Flown within visual line of sight of the person operating the aircraft; and
- C. Flown for hobby or recreational purposes.

Approval Process

Any individual or entity wishing to use or possess a UAS or its components, or model aircraft on district property or at a district-sponsored event must receive pre-approval from the superintendent or designee.

Any individual or entity who receives pre-approval to use or possess a UAS or its components, or model aircraft on district property or at a district-sponsored event will abide by district policies and procedures, any special restrictions put in place by the Superintendent or designee granting pre-approval, the laws set forth in the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012, and any laws adopted by state and local authorities.

**Policy: 4500
Community Relations**

The superintendent or designee will require those using or possessing a UAS or its components, or model aircraft to: (a) provide proof of insurance; (b) enter into an agreement which holds the district harmless from any resultant claims or harms to individuals and damage to property; and (c) any additional requirements as determined appropriate by the district.

Cross References: 3240 - Student Conduct Expectations and Reasonable Sanctions
 4200 - Safe and Orderly Learning Environment
 4260 - Use of School Facilities
 4310 - District Relationships with Law Enforcement and other
 Government Agencies
 5281 - Disciplinary Action and Discharge

Legal References: FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012, Pub. L. No. 112-
 95, Sections 331, 336, 126 Stat. 11

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