

Jasper School District E-Reader Policy

- Electronic readers, simply called “e-Readers”, are digital devices that can store books, periodicals, magazines, and other electronic media. e-Readers like Amazon’s Kindle, Barnes & Noble’s Nook, Apple’s iTouch, and Apple’s iPad are quickly becoming ubiquitous in our digital culture and they simply cannot be ignored. Jasper School District, in striving to maintain technological relevance in education, is providing the opportunity for students to use these devices in accordance with our e-Reader Acceptable Use Policy. This opportunity is a privilege that requires extra caution and responsibility both on the part of the students and their parents.
- E-readers being those devices intended to be used to read an e-book. Devices intended to be used to play games, watch videos, or navigate the Internet are not allowed. Use of the device must adhere to the Technology Acceptable Use Policy. These policies apply when students are at school or attending a school-sponsored or related activity off-campus.
- A student who brings their privately owned technological device to school is personally responsible for the equipment. The district assumes no responsibility for the loss of, theft of or damage to any personal device. No privately owned student devices may be attached to the school’s network or Internet services.
- Personal e-reader devices must be registered with the office prior to use in the building.
- The model and serial number will be collected. Students must obtain teacher permission before using the device in class. Students must turn off and put away the device when requested by a teacher. Students may use the device before school, at lunch, and after school in adult supervised areas only, such as the media center or classrooms with a teacher present. The school may examine a student’s personal device and search its contents if there is a reason to believe that school policies, regulations, or guidelines use of the device have been violated.
- Inappropriate use or violation of Acceptable Use Policy on personal equipment may also result in disciplinary action in coordination with policies. When a student misuses a device, the school may do the following, matching the severity of the school’s action to the seriousness of the student’s misuse of the device:
 - Warn the student, verbally or in writing.
 - Take away the device. Depending upon the offense, the school may keep the device for the rest of the school day or longer. The school may require the parents to pick up the device.
 - Suspend the privilege of using the device at school.
 - Deny the student the privilege of participating in extracurricular and athletic activities.
 - Contact the student’s parents, school security, or the police.
 - Suspend or expel the student from school in accord with student discipline procedure.

Usage Examples

- Examples of appropriate use: reading ebooks, looking up words, highlighting text
- Examples of inappropriate use: accessing facebook or youtube, playing games, listening to music, watching videos, sending messages, pictures not provided by the ebook publisher
- e-Readers are and not for other purposes such as communication, entertainment, music, gaming, etc.
- e-Readers must be used at appropriate times in accordance with teacher instructions. The e-Reader must not be a distraction for the student or those around him/her nor be a source of any classroom disruption.
- The student is responsible for knowing how to properly and effectively use their e-Readers and this should not be a burden for the teachers.

Student Name:

Model of Device (Kindle, Nook, Sony eReader, etc):

Serial Number:

Student Signature Date

Parent Signature Date