

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Unmanned Aircraft System and Model Aircraft Procedures

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Washington Interscholastic Athletic Association, and the district's insurance pool have restrictions and requirements that must be complied with before anyone is able to legally operate an Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) or "drone." The following requirements and restrictions apply to the use and operation of a UAS/drone as part of a district educational curriculum, program, or activity:

1. Staff members who wish to use drones/UAS in their curricular coursework and activities must provide specific educational objectives and obtain prior written approval from the Superintendent or designee.
2. Students may not operate drones/UAS without the presence of a supervising staff member.
3. A UAS/drone may not be flown more than 400 feet above ground level, must remain clear of surrounding obstacles, and must comply with all airspace restrictions and prohibitions.
4. The UAS/drone must be flown within the visual line of sight of the person operating the aircraft or a visual observer co-located and in direct communication with the operator.
5. The UAS/drone must be operated in a manner that does not interfere with and gives way to any manned aircraft operations.
6. The UAS/drone may not be flown within five (5) miles of an airport without prior authorization from airport authorities. Written documentation of the authorization must be logged and kept on file by the responsible staff member.
7. Staff and students may not operate a UAS/drone over groups of people, public events, bleachers, sporting events, stadiums, or vehicles without prior approval from the Superintendent or designee.
8. The UAS/drone must weigh less than 30 pounds.
9. The UAS/drone must be registered with the FAA.
10. Staff and students may not operate a UAS/drone before sunrise or after sunset or in adverse weather conditions.
11. If the UAS/drone is flown/blown onto a building roof, off-campus location, or another restricted area, the staff member must report it immediately to the school administration and appropriate support staff (i.e., custodial staff, or technology). Students may not be used to retrieve the drone under any such circumstances. Any

damage to private or public property must be reported to the building administration immediately.

12. District funds may not be used to purchase a UAS/drone without permission of the Superintendent or designee.
13. Staff and students may not operate a UAS/drone to broadcast or record images of people or property where a reasonable expectation of privacy exists or over areas that are normally deemed private, such as restrooms, locker rooms, or private property.
14. Use of a UAS/drone without permission or supervision may result in disciplinary action.
15. Use of a UAS/drone that does not comply with district policies and procedures, as well as federal and state laws and regulations, may result in disciplinary action.
16. Use of a UAS/drone is limited to instructional and educational purposes only and cannot be for commercial purposes.

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