

## **Unmanned Aircraft System and Model Aircraft**

The unapproved use or possession of an unmanned aircraft system (UAS) (commonly referred to as "drone") or model aircraft on district property or at a district-sponsored event is prohibited. This means, individuals and entities shall not, at any time, without prior district approval, use or possess a UAS 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 employees violating this policy may be subject to disciplinary action or discharge. Any violator may 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:**

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 model aircraft on district property or at a district-sponsored event must receive pre-approval. Individuals and entities must seek pre-approval from the superintendent or designee.

Any individual or entity who receives pre-approval to use or possess a UAS or model aircraft on district property or at a district-sponsored event must abide by district policies and procedures, any special restrictions put in place by the person 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.

The superintendent or designee may require those using or possessing a UAS 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:**

- 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

Management Resources: 2018 - August 2018 - August Policy Issue

Adoption Date: **08.18**  
Classification: **Discretionary**  
Revised Dates: **02.22**

---

© 2020-2025 Washington State School Directors' Association. All rights reserved.