Helena Public Schools 8180

NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

Use of Unmanned Aerial Systems

Due to potential risks to safety, security and privacy, the District generally prohibits operations of an Unmanned Aerial System (UAS; commonly known as a drone) on or above District property or in connection with a District-sanctioned or affiliated event or activity on or off school property, including commercial, recreational, hobbyist, or other uses.

Exceptions to this policy may be allowed when a drone operating plan is submitted to the Superintendent, who will consider an exception to the policy on a case-by-case basis. The Superintendent will develop procedures to address exception requests and will distribute them as needed.

All drone operation is subject to relevant FAA, state and local laws and regulations, in addition to any rules and requirements imposed by the Superintendent. Each drone operator is responsible for compliance with all such requirements.

The District reserves the right to immediately shut down the operation, and confiscate any drone elements, if a drone creates any type of electronic interference, poses unacceptable risk to individuals or property, or interferes with any District activity. Violation of this policy may be grounds for disciplinary actions up to and including termination, suspension or expulsion from the District, in accordance with District policy, the Staff Handbook, or applicable student handbooks.

Legal Reference:

Cross References: Administrative Procedures

Policy History:

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