

UTAH DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND YOUTH SERVICES POLICY AND PROCEDURES		
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USE OF ELECTRONICS		
RATIONALE: The purpose of this policy is to ensure that minors use of electronic media is appropriate and for reasonable periods of time.		
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I. DESCRIPTION

Division facilities and programs shall establish television viewing criteria regarding suitable content and reasonable viewing schedules. Use of electronic devices is part of scheduled/structured programming and monitored by staff at all times.

II. DEFINITIONS

The following terms are defined for this policy as:

A. Television Ratings

1. "TV-Y" Appropriate for all children.
2. "TV-Y-7" Directed to older children age 7 and older: May include mild fantasy violence or comedic violence, or may frighten children under the age of 7.
3. "TV-Y7-FV" Directed to older children – Contains Fantasy Violence: Fantasy violence may be more combative or intense than other programs in (TV-Y-7).
4. "TV-G" General Audience – Suitable for all ages: Most parents would find this content suitable for all ages. Contains little or no violence, strong language, or sexual dialogue/situations.
5. "TV-PG" Parental Guidance Suggested: Contains material that parents would find unsuitable for younger children. Programs may contain one or more of the following: some suggestive dialogue (D), infrequent coarse language (L), intense sexual situations (S), or intense violence (V).
6. "TV-14" Parental Guidance Strongly Cautioned: Contains some

materials that many parents would find unsuitable for children younger than 14 years of age. Programs may contain one or more of the following: intensely suggestive dialogue (D), strong coarse language (L), intense sexual situations (S), or intense violence (V).

7. "TV-MA" Mature Audiences only: This program is specifically designed to be viewed by adults and therefore may be unsuitable for children younger than 17 years of age. Programs may contain one or more of the following: crude indecent language (L), explicit sexual activity (S), or graphic violence (V).

B. Movies

1. "G" Rated for General Audiences: Contains nothing most parents will consider offensive for even their youngest children to see or hear. Nudity, sex scenes, and scenes of drug use are absent; violence is minimal; snippets of dialogue may go beyond polite conversation but do not go beyond common everyday expressions.
2. "PG" Rated for Parental Guidance: May contain some material parents might not like to expose to their young children-material that will clearly need to be examined or inquired about before children are allowed to watch. Explicit sex scenes and scenes of drug use are absent; nudity, if present, is seen only briefly, horror and violence do not exceed moderate levels.
3. "PG-13" Parents Strongly Cautioned: May be inappropriate for pre-teens. Parents should be especially careful about letting their younger children attend. Rough or persistent violence is absent; sexually-oriented nudity is generally absent; some scenes of drug use may be seen; some use of one of the harsher sexually-derived words may be heard.
4. "R" Restricted: May contain some adult material. Parents are urged to learn more about the movie before allowing juveniles to see it.
5. "NC-17" Adults only.

C. Games

1. "E" Rated for Everyone - Content is generally suitable for all ages. May contain minimal cartoon, fantasy or mild violence and/or infrequent use of mild language.
2. "E 10 +" Rated for Everyone ages 10 and older. May contain more cartoon, fantasy or mild violence, mild language and/or minimal suggestive themes.
3. "T" Rated for Teen is defined as generally suitable for ages 13 and older. T may contain violence, suggestive themes, crude humor, minimal blood, simulated gambling, and/or infrequent use of strong language.
4. "M" Rated for Mature 17+. May contain intense violence, blood and gore, sexual content and/or strong language.

5. "A" Rated for Adults Only. Must be 18 years of age or older. May include prolonged scenes of intense violence, graphic sexual content and/or gambling with real currency.
6. "Unrated" or "RP" Rating Pending. Has not yet been rated. Appears only in advertising, marketing and promotional materials related to a "boxed" movie/video game that is expected to carry an ESRB rating, and should be replaced by a movie/game's rating once it has been assigned.

III. POLICY

- A. Scheduled/structured programming may include viewing television and movies.
- B. The viewing of television and movies shall not interrupt regularly scheduled activities (e.g. programming, therapy, group, study time).
- C. Scheduled/structured programming may include playing video games.
- D. The playing of video games shall not interrupt regularly scheduled activities (e.g. programming, therapy, group, study time).

IV. PROCEDURE

- A. Television and Movies
 1. Staff shall position themselves to monitor all minors, at all times, while viewing television and movies.
 2. Staff shall only permit minors to view television programs rated TV-Y, TV-Y-7, TV-Y7-FV, TV-G, and TV-PG.
 3. Staff shall only permit minors to view other programs/movies rated G, and PG. Programs or movies rated PG-13 or TV-14 may be permitted with APD, or designee, approval only. Staff shall document the name and rating of each approved television show or movie.
 4. Regardless of the rating, television and movies that contain explicit or excessive profanity, nudity, sexual content, graphic or excessive violence, drug use or dealing, alcohol abuse, gangs, racism, or portray any person as a sexual object are not permitted.
 5. Special televised events, such as sporting events, political events, or breaking news, require supervisor approval prior to viewing when outside of scheduled programming.
- B. Video Games
 1. Personal gaming accounts and devices of staff or minors shall not be used in JJYS facilities or programs.
 2. Staff shall monitor minors using electronic devices and inspect the device before and after each use.

3. Staff shall only permit minors to play video games rated "E", "E10+", or T. Regardless of the rating, video games that contain explicit or excessive profanity, nudity, sexual content, violence, drug use or dealing, alcohol abuse, gangs, racism, or portray any person as a sexual object are not permitted.
- C. Prohibited Television, Movies, Video Games
 1. "TV-MA" Mature Audiences Only
 2. "R" Restricted
 3. "NC-17" Adults Only
 4. "M" Rated for Mature
 5. "A" Rated for Adults Only
 6. "Unrated" or "RP" Rating Pending
 - D. Regardless of rating, staff shall assure that music does not contain inappropriate lyrics. Music portraying profanity, violence, drug use or dealing, gangs, disrespect to law enforcement, racism and portraying any person as a sexual object is prohibited.
 - E. Streaming Media Oversight for Minors
 1. Personal streaming accounts and devices of staff or minors shall not be used in JJYS facilities or programs.
 2. Streaming media shall adhere to guidelines established in IV.A through IV.C.
 3. Streaming media shall be free of profanity, violence, drug use or dealing, gangs, disrespect to law enforcement, racism or portraying any person as a sexual object.
 4. Scheduled/structured programming may include streaming media.
 5. Use of streaming media must be approved by the APD or designee.
 - F. Facility Oversight of Electronic Devices
 1. Each facility shall identify a team of at least two staff members, working in consultation with the APD or designee, to manage electronic devices used by minors in the facility that are not managed by the Department of Technology Services or the school (e.g., laptops, tablets, gaming devices, desktop computers, mobile phones). This team shall be responsible for oversight as follows:
 - a) Update and maintain facility inventory;
 - b) Managing passwords;
 - c) Installing software updates as they become available to the devices;
 - d) Identifying locked areas to store electronic devices; electronic devices shall be maintained in the locked area when not in use.
 - e) Devices used by minors shall have a coordinating number or identifier which corresponds to a space in the locked storage.
 - f) Creating and monitoring check-out logs to document the check-out and check-in of devices from the locked storage area. The log shall include a minor's name, times the device

was signed out and returned, and staff's name verifying the device was inspected after use;

- g) Device storage shall be checked at the end of shifts to ensure that all devices have been returned to storage. This end of shift check-in and inventory shall be performed, even in circumstances where the device will be used in the next shift. The device may be checked back out at the start of the next shift; and
- h) Monthly review of logs and device settings, passwords, and parental controls.
- i) Electronic devices are not allowed in the sleeping rooms of minors except as approved by the APD as documented in a CARE note. They may only be used in areas where there is direct supervision of staff.

G. Wi-Fi and Wi-Fi Hotspot

- 1. Wi-Fi hotspot devices shall not be used in JJYS facilities and programs.
- 2. Minors shall not have access to Wi-Fi logins or passwords.
- 3. Minors shall not have access to a device connected to the Wi-Fi without direct supervision.

H. Medical Isolation

- 1. Electronic devices without Wi-Fi capability may be used in a minor's room with APD approval.
- 2. Portable DVD players, without wifi connection, may be used to watch approved movies in a minor's room.
- 3. Minors shall not keep electronic devices in their rooms overnight.
- 4. Minors shall not be permitted to do a hard reset on the device and staff shall look to ensure that the hidden browser has not been accessed.


I. Personal, Wi-Fi Devices

- 1. Staff shall not bring personal electronic devices into secure areas of JJYS facilities. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - a) Devices that connect to Wi-Fi or the internet, including but not limited to, cellular phones, smartwatches, and smart glasses that connect to Wi-Fi or the internet;

V. Continuous Renewal

This policy shall be reviewed every three years to determine its effectiveness and appropriateness. This policy may be reviewed before that time to reflect substantive change.

This policy has been reviewed by the Division of Juvenile Justice and Youth Services Executive Management Team and is approved upon the signature of the director.


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Signature Date