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Drones

It is the policy of Kamiah Joint District to maintain a safe learning environment. The District has determined that unapproved use of drones poses a safety hazard. The use or possession of unmanned aircraft or aerial systems (UAS), also known as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any person or entity at any District-sponsored event; game; match; tournament; or anywhere in, on, or directly above or upon property or premises owned, maintained or used by the District for any purpose, unless otherwise preempted by applicable State or federal law. The District reserves the right to remove or refuse admission to any individual who violates this policy. The District further reserves the right to exclude any individual who violates this policy from future District events. Violators may also be reported to appropriate authorities, including the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Students or employees violating this policy shall be subject to formal disciplinary action pursuant to District policies.

Use of Unmanned Aircraft (Drones)

An unmanned aircraft, or drone (hereinafter "drone"), is an aircraft that is:

- 1. Capable of sustained flight in the atmosphere;
- 2. Flown within visual line of sight of the person operating the aircraft; and
- 3. Flown for hobby or recreational purposes.

Appropriate Use

In an effort to maintain the safety, security, and privacy of students, staff, and visitors, the Board has determined that the operation of unmanned aircraft, also known as drones, other than use as part of a pre-approved school program, is prohibited by any persons on or over District property and at District sponsored events.

An exception to this policy may be made in specific cases, but must be approved in advance by the Superintendent or designee.

School Related: Teachers/staff, students (over 16 years old) may, with pre-approval from the District's Administration, and if part of a school program or activity, operate a drone on school property solely for the limited purpose of the administrative pre-approval.

Non-School Related: An exception to this policy may be made in specific cases, but must be approved in advance by the Superintendent or designee.

The Superintendent or designee may require those using the drone to:

1. Supply proof of insurance meeting liability limits established by the District;

- 2. Sign an agreement holding the District harmless from any claims of harm to individuals or damage to property; and
- 3. Meet additional requirements as determined appropriate by the District.

Inappropriate Use

Inappropriate use of drones includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- 1. Violating any State or Federal laws or rules or any District policy;
- 2. Taking pictures of property or persons without consent;
- 3. Violating safe operating protocols as defined in drone user manual and as directed by the supervising staff member;
- 4. Deliberately annoying another person, interfering with another's work, insulting or attacking others, or harassing others; and
- 5. Take-offs or landings on District property contrary to this policy or pre-approval of the District's administration.

Violations

District staff shall monitor for inappropriate use of District drone technology as defined by this policy. Violators may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension or expulsion for students and termination for employees. Violators may also be subject to civil penalties pursuant to Idaho Code § 21-213(3).3

Legal Reference: PL 112–95 § 336. Special Rule for Model Aircraft

IC § 21-213 Restrictions on Use of Unmanned Aircraft

Systems

Other References: Unmanned Aircraft Systems, Federal Aviation Administration,

https://www.faa.gov/uas/getting started/

Memorandum: Educational Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS),

Federal Aviation Administration

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