

# **DRAFT POLICY**

Santa Rosa City Schools | BP 3515 Business and Noninstructional Operations

## **Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)/Drones on District Grounds**

The Board of Education supports the use of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS)/drones for educational opportunities connected to course content and curriculum and/or for appropriate extracurricular activities on district grounds.

The use of UAS/drones for any purpose within or over District property is prohibited without the written permission of the District. Use of UAS/drones may be permitted, provided the conditions and requirements listed in the Board Policy, Administrative Regulation and Exhibit are satisfied, at the sole discretion of the Superintendent or designee:

- a. UAS/drone operation requires full registration and compliance with the most current Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations in effect at the date of permit issuance as required by law. Proof of compliance with local, state and federal regulations related to the use of UAS/drone may be required. Any operator found controlling a UAS/drone without registration will be reported to the FAA and any other applicable authority.
- b. If a person wishes to operate a UAS/drone in or over District property, UAS/drone operation requires written consent and issuance of a permit from the Superintendent or designee at least 72 hours in advance of said operation.
- c. Permission for non-district use is granted on a case-by-case basis, at Superintendent's or designee's discretion, and will require a signed permit to operate a UAS/drone, holding the District harmless from any claims of harm to individuals (including, but not limited to, the operator and third parties) or damage to property (including, but not limited to, the UAS/drone or other property of the operator and the property of others). Any damage to property is the full responsibility of the UAS/drone operator/owner.

The Superintendent or designee shall refuse admission to any individual or group attempting or intending to use a UAS/drone without authorization. The Superintendent or designee may suspend play of athletic or other activities, if necessary, to remove and confiscate any authorized or unauthorized use of a UAS/drone in prohibited areas.

Compliance with this policy is mandatory for District students, employees, and visitors. Appropriate disciplinary action for any violation of this policy by such a person shall be undertaken in accordance with the District's normal disciplinary processes. In addition, failure to follow this policy may result in local, state, and federal penalties as applicable.

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