

## **Policy**

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### UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES (UAV)/DRONES USE IN THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

The Alloway Township Board of Education is committed to providing all students and staff with technology based learning opportunities. Access to Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) technology in Alloway Township School District is a privilege which brings with it responsibilities.

#### Responsibilities

All district owned UAVs shall be registered in accordance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations. All school owned UAVs shall not exceed the standards for the FAA model aircraft category and shall be limited in weight in compliance with law and the school insurance policy.

The chief school administrator shall be responsible for verifying the certification of staff members and authorizing the use of UAVs on school property. Any representative of the board, including but not limited to staff members, students, coaches, sponsors, or parents/guardians representing the district or any of its affiliated clubs that are authorized to operate a UAV shall operate any and all district aerial drones in accordance with this policy and all applicable Federal Aviation regulations.

The following guidelines shall apply:

- A. Any employee authorized to operate the UAV and/or authorized to supervise students operating the UAV shall have obtained a Remote Pilot Airman Certification;
- B. The operator must not operate UAV within 3 miles of any airport without prior notification and confirmation from airport authorities;
- C. The operator must not operate UAV above an altitude of 400 feet above ground level;
- D. The operator must maintain safe control and line of sight with UAV during all stages of operation;
- E. The operator must maintain a safe operating distance from crowds;
- F. Data collected by UAV can only be used for hobby (educational) purposes and may not be sold for profit;
- G. The operator may only operate the UAV over school owned property;
- H. The operator may not operate UAV over any other property without first obtaining the permission of the chief school administrator. The chief school administrator shall verify that the any such permission is given only when such operation is in accordance with the district insurance policy. Signed consent must also be obtained from the property owner or legal representative;
- I. The operator shall assume responsibility for damage to property and bodily injury that may occur due to unsafe operation of district owned UAV or actions in violation of board policy and/or law.

#### Inappropriate Use

Inappropriate uses of UAV include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Violating any local, state, or federal statutes or regulations;
- B. Surveilling or spying on any person, classroom or other group without their consent;

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- C. Taking pictures of property or persons without written consent;
- D. Taking pictures of students without the written consent of the parent/guardian;
- E. Violating safe operating protocols as defined in UAV user manual and classroom guidelines;
- F. Failing to follow the district policy while using the district's UAV technology or failing to follow any other policies or guidelines established by district administrators or their designees;
- G. Harassing, defined as persistently annoying of another, interfering with another's work, insulting, or attacking others.

Violations

District staff shall monitor for inappropriate use of district UAV technology as defined by this policy. Staff members who witness the inappropriate use of UAVs shall report the inappropriate use to the building principal immediately.

District staff authorized to supervise students in the use of UAVs shall be responsible for ensuring that the UAVs are operated safely and according to board policy and law. Violators may be subject to disciplinary action, up to an including suspension and/or expulsion for students or suspension and/or termination for employees.

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Resources:

Federal Drone Registry: [http://federaldroneregistration.com/?gclid=CPmy9NLK5dMCFcxWDQodf\\_AO9w](http://federaldroneregistration.com/?gclid=CPmy9NLK5dMCFcxWDQodf_AO9w)

Fact Sheet – Small Unmanned Aircraft Regulations (Part 107) at:  
[https://www.faa.gov/news/fact\\_sheets/news\\_story.cfm?newsId=20516](https://www.faa.gov/news/fact_sheets/news_story.cfm?newsId=20516)

FAA Memorandum, May 4, 2016, Subject Educational Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)  
[https://www.faa.gov/uas/resources/uas\\_regulations\\_policy/media/interpretation-educational-use-of-uas.pdf](https://www.faa.gov/uas/resources/uas_regulations_policy/media/interpretation-educational-use-of-uas.pdf)

State and Local Regulation of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Fact Sheet, Federal Aviation Administration Office of the Chief Counsel, December 17, 2015 at:  
[https://www.faa.gov/uas/resources/uas\\_regulations\\_policy/media/UAS\\_Fact\\_Sheet\\_Final.pdf](https://www.faa.gov/uas/resources/uas_regulations_policy/media/UAS_Fact_Sheet_Final.pdf)