

# Clarinda Community School District

## House File 2676: Student Instructional Technology Policy for Grades K–5

### Purpose

The Clarinda Community School District is committed to providing a balanced educational experience that supports student achievement through effective instructional practices and the thoughtful use of technology. Instructional technology is used to enhance learning opportunities, increase student engagement, and develop digital literacy skills while ensuring that technology supports, not replaces, high-quality teaching and foundational learning experiences.

This policy is adopted in accordance with Iowa Code section 279.89 and applies to all students enrolled in kindergarten through fifth grade.

### Daily Digital Instruction

Digital instruction includes lessons, assignments, assessments, or instructional activities delivered through instructional technology: laptop, tablet, computer, smart device, instructional software platforms, or other similar instructional device or tool used for student learning.

For students in grades kindergarten through five, digital instruction shall not cumulatively **exceed 60 minutes per school day.**

The following instructional activities **do not count** toward the 60-minute daily limit:

- Instructional technology required by a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 Plan.
- Assistive or adaptive technology used to provide access to instruction or accommodate individual learning needs.
- Teacher-directed demonstrations using projectors, interactive displays, Smart Boards, or similar presentation technology when students are not individually operating a digital device.
- State assessments, universal screenings, progress monitoring, and local diagnostic assessments that require the use of an individual digital device.
- Dedicated computer science or technology instruction.

This policy does not apply to students enrolled in an online learning program operating pursuant to Iowa Code section 256.43.

## **Parent/Guardian Requests**

Parents and guardians have the right to request additional reductions in their child's digital instruction. Families wishing to request reduced digital instruction should contact their child's classroom teacher or the building principal. School staff will work collaboratively with the family to determine reasonable accommodations or alternative instructional methods that continue to meet curriculum expectations and learning standards whenever practicable.

## **Recess**

Students in kindergarten through fifth grade shall not use digital devices during recess. Recess is intended to provide opportunities for physical activity, social interaction, imaginative play, and unstructured experiences that contribute to students' physical, social, and emotional well-being.

## **Policy Availability**

In accordance with Iowa Code section 279.89, this Student Instructional Technology Policy shall be published on the Clarinda Community School District elementary school website and may also be included in the elementary student handbook.