

NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

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Drones

It is the policy of North Gem School District No. 149 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.

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.

Legal Reference: Memorandum: Educational Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS),
Federal Aviation Administration
The FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012, Section 336. Special
Rule for Model Aircraft
I.C. § 21-213 Restrictions on Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems

Other References: Unmanned Aircraft Systems, Federal Aviation Administration,
https://www.faa.gov/uas/getting_started/

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