

OPERATION OF DRONES ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

The Shaker Regional School Board (SRSB) prohibits the use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (a/k/a Drones) on district property unless prior approval by the superintendent or designee has been granted. The use of drones is restricted to educational purposes or for the specific use approved by the superintendent (i.e. special events occurring on school grounds).¹

Drones permitted under this policy are restricted to models that are programmed to return home/to base if certain conditions arise (i.e. mechanical difficulties, heavy winds, etc.). This policy prohibits self-guided drone models. Use of drones is allowed as a component of science, technology, and aviation-related educational curricula or other coursework such as television and film production or the arts. Operation of a drone by a faculty member is limited to incidental and secondary to the student's operation (i.e. regain control in the event that a student begins to lose control, to terminate the flight, etc.).¹

Written permission is required in all instances prior to operating a drone on school property. Permission granted by the superintendent will be immediately revoked if the drone is used in violation of this or any other SRSB policies. Additionally, the superintendent will revoke permission to use the drone if the drone is used in any other manner the Superintendent deems inappropriate.²

A drone operated on district property must not weigh more than 55 pounds and must be registered with the FAA. It must be flown outdoors within visual line of sight of the operator at an altitude of less than 400 feet, and in full control of the approved operator at all times.³

Propeller guards must be used when a drone will be flown over people on the ground.

Operation of a drone by a person not affiliated with the Shaker Regional School District (SRSD) will require personal liability insurance naming the school district as an additional insured. Requests of this nature will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The drone operator is prohibited from receiving compensation either directly or indirectly related to that person's operation of the aircraft at approved events.¹

Drones will be prohibited from operation at any NHIAA sponsored athletic event. Signs will be posted on school property to provide notice to individuals of these rules. The Superintendent shall publish rules and procedures related to this policy.

¹ FAA memorandum "Educational Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems" issued 5/4/16 clarifying section 336 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (FMRA)

² SRSD Policy IAB

³ FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (FMRA)