



## **County Boards of Education – Student Technology Use Policy – Requirements**

*Wednesday, February 4, 2026*

EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT

**UNFAVORABLE**

The Chesapeake Regional Association of Student Councils (CRASC) requests an unfavorable report on SB0079.

The Chesapeake Regional Association of Student Councils (CRASC) is the representative organization of all students enrolled in the secondary schools of AACPS, dedicated to elevating youth voice and promoting student leadership.

By requiring each county's Board of Education to adopt a policy restricting students' personal device usage during school hours. Completely prohibiting it for elementary and middle schools and severely limiting it for high schoolers, with exceptions. SB0079 goes against CRASC's platform, which explicitly supports "A student's right to possess and use cellular devices during school hours at the teacher's discretion" (Plank VII, C) as well as "The use of social media and modern technology for educational purposes" (Plank VII, D). This mandate conflicts with CRASC's platform on device usage in the classroom, which outlines that device usage should be monitored and managed by the teacher and used in a context that is guided by the educator, rather than an overall restriction that removes flexibility for teachers and students.

Additionally, CRASC opposes "The restriction of social media sites and electronic devices during student recreational periods, including lunch"(Plank VII, B Opposes). SB0079 would mandate counties to create a policy prohibiting or severely restricting device use during these times. These recreational periods are ones where students often coordinate group projects, clubs, transportation, and other family obligations that may arise. Establishing these broad restrictions undermines the positive use that technology can hold in learning and developing leadership skills in students.

Accordingly, the Chesapeake Regional Association of Student Councils respectfully requests an unfavorable report on SB0079 from the committee.

Thank you,



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