

DRONES (UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS)

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is responsible for regulating the use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) as specified under Public Law (PL) 112-95, FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012; Chapter 447 of Title 49 of the United States Code (49 U.S.C.); 49 U.S.C. & 40102; and Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) parts 1 & 1.1

Understanding that airborne UAS/drones poses a safety hazard, the Jackson Public School District forbids anyone from flying a drone or any remote-controlled aircraft in the skies over any of its school campuses or school properties, including, but not limited to individual schools within the district, football stadiums, and athletic fields without authorization for the FAA.

The FAA has serious concerns about the safety of operating UAS near people or stadiums. Therefore, any school personnel and/or students operating UAS/drones shall familiarize themselves with the FAA website: http://www.faa.gov/uas/model_aircraft/. *(The site provides links at the left side and bottom of the home page to the three different types of UAS Operations.)*

Additionally, the following three links are beneficial as a reference by illustrating the Dos and Don'ts of UAS flying pictorially and also the various types of No Drone Zone signage examples for designated prohibited areas, and should be reviewed by any staff and/or students operating or considering operating UAS/drones.

<http://www.faa.gov/uas>

http://www.faa.gov/uas/publications/media/27231_FAA_KBYF_lores.pdf

http://www.faa.gov/uas/no_drone_zone/.

The superintendent or his/her designee shall report any unauthorized operation of UAS/drones over school property to law enforcement authorities and/or the FAA.

Any person violating this policy could be subject to immediate removal from school property and could be banishment from school property. Violators will also be reported to appropriate law enforcement to include the FAA.

Any student violating this policy shall be dealt with according to the district's student code of conduct. Any school district employee violating this policy shall be subject to formal disciplinary action.

SOURCE: Mississippi School Boards Association

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