Television and Game Station (PS4, XBOX) in Student's Bedroom Guidelines

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Kansas

We do not allow the students to bring games or tv in their bedrooms.

They may bring their games (PS4, etc.) and put in the common area for everyone to play with it.

Oklahoma

Oklahoma School for the Deaf uses all gaming system in the living area where staff can monitor what game rating they are playing. Mature rating games are not allowed on campus. Students do not have tvs in their room.

Montana

At the Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind we do not allow game stations in the bedrooms. However, we have set up a game room in an empty bedroom (students need to provide the system). We have also set up a system in the living rooms.

Our reasoning behind not allowing the systems in the bedrooms is that those into the games tend to isolate themselves and play their games. At bedtime electronic devices need to be off. Some kids have their games on their phone. We don't monitor their phones, however, they need to be put away at bedtime.

In our activity room (rec room where boys and girls can socialize) we do have a large screen TV and have the Wii hooked up. The kids seem to enjoy playing that more than using the system in their cottage wing. Some of the kids really enjoy the Wii dance (staff sometimes will join in as well).

We do not allow M rated games to be played in the cottage program (we don't allow R rated movies either) regardless of the age of the student.

Marie Philip School, The Learning Center for the Deaf

No, we do not allow the residential students to have TV and game station in their bedrooms. We do have TV and game station in the living room for them to watch and play.

A few of the students have streaming accounts such as Netflix, Hulu, and Amazon Prime where they can watch or play on the device in their bedroom. I am working on developing a new rule and a contract related to streaming account. Do you have a streaming rule to share with me? If yes, please do share.

Wisconsin

Here's from Wisconsin School for the Deaf that Student Life have developed a few year ago. Only High School Students are allowed to bring personal T.V. and video games for their bedrooms. (Elementary and Middle School may want to bring but must play in common area and locked up in the office. They aren't allow keep in their bedrooms)

Computer/T.V./Video Games/Electronic Devices

There will be no Computer/T.V./Video Games/Electronic Devices use in the afternoon. That time will be used for sports or other activity the staff have planned. Computers can be used for homework (if required). In the evening all computers/video games are turned off by 8:15pm for Elementary Students, 9:15pm for Middle School Students, and by bedtime for High School Students.

DVD & TV USE:
DVD players are located in each of the living areas, the 3rd floor Firebird Center, and 4th floor lobby. DVD players are used for both learning and pleasure. Staff members will supervise DVD player and TV usage.

~ “G” permitted for all ages.
~ “PG” permitted for all ages with permission from their parents.
~ “PG-13” movies will not be shown to students less than 13 years of age without signed permission from their parents. Middle School and High School only.
~ “R” movies will not be shown to any student under the age of 17. Seniors who are not yet 18 must have signed permission from their parent to watch “R” movies. Seniors, 18 years and older, are permitted to watch “R” rated movies in their bedroom or an assigned room that staff designate.

Video Game:
Students may only play age appropriate video games. Staff members will supervise game use. Inappropriate games will be taken and sent home.

~ Everyone - “E” permitted for all ages.
~ Everyone 10+ - “E10” permitted for all ages with permission from their parents.
~ Teen - “T” game will not be allowed for students less than 13 years of age without signed permission from their parents. Middle School and High School only.
~ Mature - “M” games will not be allowed for any student under the age of 17. Seniors who are not yet 18 must have signed permission from their parent to play “M” games. Seniors, 18 years and older, are permitted to play “M” rated games in their bedroom or an assigned room that staff designate.

High School Students are allowed to bring personal T.V. and video games for their bedrooms.

Only Seniors: have to privilege to use Computer, play Video Games, and watch T.V./movies in their **bedrooms** in the afternoons. The above rules still apply.

Maryland

Here at Maryland School for the Deaf, we do not practice allowing students to have TV/game stations in their room for several reasons;

1) Reduce having students staying in their room and not interacting with peers/staff.
2) Empowering dorm staff to create activities for students to keep them busy rather than leaving then in their room playing on game station.
3) Reduce possibly of thief of game items.

However if there is an unique request for student to have TV/game station in their room, we will allow it.

Iowa

At Iowa School for the Deaf, HS and 4Plus (post graduate) students are allowed to have TVs and game systems in their rooms, however we don't at this time provide Wi-Fi or a cable connection in their personal bedrooms.

With our younger students we don't encourage/suggest bringing a TV or game systems.

Michigan

Michigan School for the Deaf- We allow them to bring their own tv and video game and keep it in their bedroom. They are not allowed to play in their bedroom. They may bring it out to common area or REC room where staff can see them. They must follow student handbook for video game rating. No violent video game regardless of its' rating.

California- Fremont

CSD-Fremont does not allow any TV or games in their bedroom. All cottages have one or two TVs in the living room specifically for any video games. The students need to earn the privilege of using the games.

At the California School for the Deaf, Fremont, there is no policy forbidding students to keep game console with TV in their bedrooms but, I think, due to the design and space of cottage rooms, it is not feasible for one to set it up in a bedroom.

If they could, we would not allow it for several reasons and the main one is supervision of students playing games.

By the way here is the policy on what kind of video games are allowed in cottages (living rooms in some cottages)

For video games, they must be rated no higher than "E" for elementary and "T" for middle school and high school as recommended by the Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB).

New Mexico

Yes we do allow students to have their own videogames in their bedroom. We only allow students to bring and play games up to Teen. Anything above is not allowed. So far we only have one or two students brining their games at any given time.

In addition to this, as of last month, we have not allowed elementary students to bring their cell phones or any social media devices to school. Noticed positive outcomes so far. Kids playing more with each other. The Student Life provides iPad for the elementary cottage only for communication purposes with families who do not have VP at home. The iPads are kept in the staff office. Facetime and Skype are installed in those devices. No games are installed in those devices.

Washington

We do allow our students to have TVs and video game consoles such as PS4 or Xbox. However we do not allow cell phones in the bedrooms/bathrooms unless the student is on Honor or Gold level.
The students are not able to hook up to internet using their video game consoles and no M games are allowed. The same goes for R rated movies.

Tennessee

We do not allow video games of any kind or television in the bedrooms. They are only allowed in the common areas of the cottage.

Delaware

We do not allow video games or television in their bedrooms. Students are permitted to bring their own game and use our two gaming systems at Great Rooms (two television downstairs, and one upstairs). Each living areas have their own television, but not gaming system. Students are not permitted to use M games at the dorm.