

SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES & TECHNOLOGY

Policy Manual

SUBJECT: Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Policy

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BOR Policy 1.7.3 Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Policy provides for the requisite oversight and authority for the operation of UAS, guidance concerning the appropriate operation of and uses for UAS, and to also protect them from abuse and from unlawful or other misuse on the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology campus. The Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) office is responsible for overseeing UAS compliance in cooperation with the Public Safety office.

All UAS use in institutional airspace requires prior approval by the EHS office and may not interfere with the use of institutional grounds. Institutional or contracted users must have their licenses filed with the EHS office. There are three types of UAS use which consist of institutional, contracted, and private (see BOR Policy 1.7.3 for definition to determine your type).

The following restrictions apply to the time, place, and manner for private UAS within institutional airspace per BOR Policy 1.7.3:

- Only with prior permission;
- Only during daylight hours;
- Within full view and control of operator;
- Not during outdoor institutional events;
- Not over outdoor athletic facilities or any portion of the campus grounds within a 1,320-foot radius of the facility;
- Not within 300 feet of buildings;
- Not within 150 feet of persons or animals;
- Not in a manner which interferes with ground vehicles or traffic.

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