

Central Davis Junior High's Electronic Devices Policy

Scope

Electronic devices have become a common means of communication and information access in today's society. However, these devices have the potential of disrupting the orderly operation of the school. The school has therefore created this policy to govern the possession and use of electronic devices on school premises, during school hours.

Definition

For purposes of this policy "*Electronic Device*" means privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic handheld equipment.

Use of Electronic Devices

Cell phones are not to be used in classroom nor in assemblies, without the explicit permission of the teacher who may allow cell phone use which is supervised and/or for a curricular purpose. Electronic devices are allowed before school, during passing periods, lunchtime, and after school. All electronic device policies will still apply throughout the entire day to see that no phones are being used inappropriately. Use of electronic devices on school buses is at the discretion of the bus driver and/or advisor.

Prohibitions

Electronic devices shall not be used in a way that threatens, humiliates, harasses, or intimidates school-related individuals, including students, employees, and visitors, or violates local, state, or federal law. Electronic devices may not be used during assessments unless specifically allowed by law, student IEP, or assessment directions.

Disciplinary Actions

Violation of this policy can result in discipline up to and including suspension or expulsion, and notification of law enforcement authorities. A student who violates this policy may be prohibited from possession of an electronic device at school or school-related events.

Confiscation

If a student violates this policy, his/her electronic device may be confiscated. When an employee confiscates an electronic device under this policy, he/she shall take reasonable measures to label and secure the device and turn the device over to a school administrator as soon as the employee's duties permit. The electronic device will be released/returned to the student or the student's parent or guardian after the student has complied with any other disciplinary consequence that is imposed.

1st offense = device is confiscated, device returned to student at end of school day, 15 discipline points to student

2nd offense = device confiscated, parent notified, device returned to parent, 20 discipline points to student and one lunch ISS

3rd offense = device confiscated, parent notified, device impounded for 6 school days, 25 discipline points to student and an administrative "U"

4th offense = device confiscated, parent notified, device impounded for 6 school days. 35 discipline points to student and one day of suspension

- Any further offenses may result in suspensions up to 10 school days and/or longer impoundment time of the device.

Security of devices

Students shall be personally and solely responsible for the security of electronic devices brought to school. The school shall not assume responsibility for theft, loss, damage, or unauthorized calls made with an electronic device. If devices are loaned to or borrowed and misused by non-owners, device owners are jointly responsible for the misuse or policy violation(s).

Prohibitions on audio recording

Camera or audio recording functions of electronic devices may pose threats to the personal privacy of individuals, used to exploit personal information, and or compromise the integrity of educational programs. Accordingly, the use of the audio recording or camera functions of electronic devices is strictly prohibited on school premises. Unless written permission is given from an administrator, disciplinary action will be taken.