

Electronic Communications Devices

Students, with permission of their parent(s)/guardian(s), or request of the student him/herself if over eighteen years of age, may be in possession of a cellular telephone, pager/beeper or other related electronic devices on school property. The devices shall not be used in a manner that disrupts the educational process, including, but not limited to, posing a threat to academic integrity or violating confidentiality or privacy rights of another individual. Unless an authorized employee approves the student to do otherwise, use and possession of devices shall be limited to the period before classes begin in the morning, between classes, during the student's lunch period, and after the student's last class in the afternoon at district high schools. At junior high schools and elementary schools, possession and use shall be limited to the periods before and after school. At no time will cellular telephones or other devices be allowed in junior high or high school classrooms. This includes in purses, backpacks, etc. In elementary classrooms cell phones must be turned off and may be stored in a student storage area as directed by staff. The district assumes no responsibility for loss, theft, or destruction while on school property.

Students found to be using any electronic communications device to in any way send or receive personal messages, data, or information that would contribute to or constitute cheating on tests or examinations shall be subject to discipline and the device shall be confiscated and not returned until a parent conference has been held.

Students are responsible for the devices they bring to school. The District shall not be responsible for loss, theft, or destruction of devices brought onto school property.

Students shall comply with any additional rules developed by the school concerning appropriate use of telecommunication or other electronic devices.

Students who violate the provisions of this policy, are subject to disciplinary action, including losing the privilege of bringing the device onto school property, detention, suspension, or expulsion. In addition, an administrator will confiscate the devices, which shall only be returned to the student's parent(s)/guardian(s). Where appropriate, police authorities may be contacted.

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