

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES - STUDENTS

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In order to expand opportunities for student learning through the use of technology, students are allowed to bring their own electronic communication devices to school for use within specified classes and/or for identified projects. Students may also use portable media players when they do not interfere with the learning environment and have the specific permission of the supervising teacher. High School students are allowed to use electronic communication devices during passing times and lunch periods, excluding classrooms, restrooms and locker rooms. Students who bring any of the above listed items to school do so at their own risk and must store the equipment in their locker. The Waunakee Community School District shall not be responsible for the safety or securing of personal electronic equipment that students choose to bring to school. Further the District is not responsible for any cost associated with personally-owned electronic communication devices, such as accrued data charges, loss, theft, damage, repairs or misuse of any device. The district may examine the personal electronic device and search its contents if there is a reason to believe that school policies, rules or regulations have been violated as permitted by state statute.

Use of a personal electronic device is subject to the provisions of the Waunakee Community School District Acceptable Use Policy (AUP).

1. Students who bring personal electronic devices to school are responsible for keeping their telephones turned off and in their locker during the school day, which includes the full period of time between the beginning of the first class and end of the last class of the school day, unless there is an emergency situation that jeopardizes the safety of students or staff. High School students are expected to keep their electronic communication devices turned off and not in use in classrooms, restrooms and locker rooms.
2. Student shall not turn on or use cellular telephones while being transported in authorized district vehicles to and from school to and from school-sponsored activities or field trips, unless they receive permission from the supervising teacher, coach or bus driver or there is an emergency situation that jeopardizes the safety of students, staff, chaperones or the bus driver.
3. Any parent/guardian who wants his/her child to use a personal electronic device at an unauthorized time may submit a request to the student's principal or his/her designee, explaining the reasons for the unauthorized use. The Principal's or his designee's decision shall be final.

4. Students are prohibited from using any personal owned electronic devices or electronic communication devices in locations where there is an expectation of privacy such as restrooms or locker rooms. Students are prohibited from using any personally-owned electronic communication devices where the device distracts others, or where it interferes with the operations of the school or classroom, including any rules established by District staff.

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