

Students and Telecommunication Devices

Students in possession of telecommunications devices, including, but not limited to, cellular phones and cellular watches while on school property or while attending school-sponsored or school-related activities shall observe the following conditions:

- A. All personal electronic devices (cellular phones and cellular watches) must be off during school hours and stored in backpacks before the student comes on school campus and not out or in use until students leave campus at the end of the school day. No headphones or earbuds may be used during the school day. Headphones may only be used in the school when provided by and under the supervision of a staff member. Unless an emergency situation exists that involves imminent physical danger or a school administrator authorizes the student to use the device
- B. Students will not use telecommunication devices in a manner that poses a threat to academic integrity, disrupts the learning environment or violates the privacy rights of others.

"RCW 9.73.030 makes it unlawful for any individual to record or transmit a private conversation without the prior consent of all parties."
- C. Students will not send, share, view or possess pictures, text messages, emails or other material depicting sexually explicit conduct, as defined in RCW 9.68A.011, in electronic or any other form on a cell phone or other electronic device, while the student is on school grounds, at school sponsored events or on school buses or vehicles provided by the district.

"Recording a student or staff member (video or audio) or distributing a recording of a student or staff member without their prior consent is a violation of this policy. Students who engage in such conduct may also be found in violation of Policy and Procedure 3200, Sexual Harassment; Policy and Procedure 3207, Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying; Policy and Procedure 3210, Nondiscrimination; and Policy and Procedure 3240, Student Conduct, among others. Additionally, such violations may, depending on the context and severity, also be subject to referral by the District to local law enforcement agencies for suspected violations of RCW 9.68A.053, regarding crimes by minors dealing in sexually explicit depictions of another minor."
- D. When a school official has reasonable suspicion, based on objective and articulable facts, that a student is using a telecommunications device in a manner that violates the law or school rules, the official will follow progressive discipline according to Procedure 3245.
- E. By bringing a cell phone or other electronic devices to school or school-sponsored events, the student and their parent/guardian consent to the search of the device when school officials have a reasonable suspicion, based on objective and articulable facts, that such a search will reveal a violation of the law or school rules. The scope of the search will be limited to the violation of which the student is accused. Content or images that violate state or federal laws will be referred to law enforcement.
- F. Students are responsible for devices they bring to school. The district shall not be responsible for loss, theft or destruction of devices brought onto school property or to school sponsored events.
- G. Students will comply with any additional rules developed by the school concerning the appropriate use of telecommunication or other electronic devices.

H. Students who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, including suspension or expulsion.

Cross References: 2022 Electronic Resources
3207 Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
3241 Classroom Management, Corrective Actions or Punishment
3241P Classroom Management, Corrective Actions or Punishment
4310 Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies, Child Protective
Agencies and County Health

Management Resources: *Policy News*, February 2004 Evolution of Cell Phone Use
Policy News, June 2010 Students and Sexting
Policy News, October 2010 Students and Telecommunication
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