

STUDENT USE OF CELL PHONES AND OTHER PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY DEVICES

The Colorado Springs Board of Education prioritizes a safe and focused academic learning environment for all students within the Colorado Springs School District 11 (the District). In order to protect the learning environment, the use of personal technology devices (PTDs) during academic periods is prohibited. Furthermore, in the interests of respecting privacy, the use of PTDs in sensitive areas like locker rooms or bathrooms, where there is an expectation of personal privacy, is also strictly prohibited.

Access to PTDs has been shown to cause distraction and disruption to the learning environment and to negatively impact student achievement.

For purposes of this policy, "personal technology device" (PTD) includes any privately-owned portable technology device, including but not limited to cell phones, pagers, tablets, laptops, cameras, smart watches, audio and/or video recorders and players, and all other hand-held electronic communication and data storage devices not issued by the District.

District administration will develop regulations supporting District-wide consistency in the implementation of this policy. This plan will meet the differing needs of students by school level and need for PTD access. This plan must ensure that teaching staff are free to focus on instruction and minimally involved in enforcement. Administration will also develop appropriate disciplinary measures, including confiscation of the PTD, in cases where there is a breach of this policy.

The District shall not be responsible for loss, theft, or destruction of PTDs brought onto school or district property or while the student is attending district or school-sponsored activities or events.

We encourage parents/guardians to support their students in understanding and adhering to these guidelines for PTD use.

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