

Cellular Phones/Electronic Devices



For safety purposes, the district permits students to possess personal telecommunication devices such as, cellular phones and pagers/beepers. However, such devices shall not be visible and shall remain off during instructional time unless approved by the teacher or administrator.

Campus administrators shall have the discretion to determine the appropriate use of cellular phones during the instructional day and for students participating in extracurricular activities while on school property or while attending school-sponsored or school-related activities on or off school property. However, all cellular phones must be turned off during instructional time. **The use of cellular phones or any device capable of capturing images is strictly prohibited in locker rooms or restroom areas while at school or at a school-related or school-sponsored event.**

The District is not liable for lost or stolen cell phones. All confiscated phones must be turned in to the principal's office immediately, if possible, or as soon as practicable the day the phone is confiscated. All staff members must place confiscated cell phones in a secure location. Once the cell phone has been confiscated, the following procedure will be used to return the device:

1. The **first time** a cell phone is confiscated, parents/guardians may pick it up with no fee assessed.
2. The **second time** a cell phone is confiscated, an administrative fee of \$5 will be charged before the device can be returned. Parents/guardians will be notified that the student's device has been confiscated for the second time.
3. If a cell phone is confiscated a **third time**, an administrative fee of \$10 will be charged before the device can be returned.
4. If a cell phone is confiscated a **fourth time**, an administrative fee of \$15 will be charged before the device can be returned. Any device not claimed by September 1 following the end of the school year will be disposed of according to FNCE(LEGAL).
5. Any student refusing to give the device to school personnel will be subject to Level I disciplinary consequences.

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