

STUDENTS AND TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES

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

- A. Telecommunication devices shall be turned on and operated only before and after the regular school day and during the student's lunch break, unless an emergency situation exists that involves imminent physical danger or a school administrator authorizes the student to do otherwise.
- 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;
- 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.
- 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 may confiscate the device, which shall only be returned to the student's parent/guardian;
- E. By bringing a cell phone and other electronic devices to school or school sponsored events, the student and parents 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 shall comply with any additional rules developed by the school concerning the appropriate use of telecommunication or other electronic devices; and
- H. Students who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action.

Cross References:

- 2022 Electronic Resources and Internet Safety
- 3207 Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
- 3241 Student Discipline
- 4310 Relations with Law Enforcement and other Government Agencies,

Management Resources:

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Policy News, June 2010

Policy News, February 2004 Evolution of Cell Phone Use

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