Great Falls School District

STUDENTS 3630

Cell Phones and Other Electronic Equipment

The District believes that unauthorized use of cell phones and/or other electronic devices disrupts the instructional program and distracts from the learning environment.

Student possession and use of cell~~ular~~ phones, pagers, and other electronic signaling devices on school grounds, at school-sponsored activities, and while under the supervision and control of District employees is a privilege which will be permitted only under the circumstances described herein. At no time will any student operate a cell phone or other electronic device with video capabilities in a locker room, bathroom, or other location where such operation may violate the privacy right of another person.

Students may use phones, pagers, and other electronic signaling devices on campus before school begins and after school ends. Students in grades 7-12, at the discretion of the school, may also use such devices during the lunch period. These devices must be kept out of sight and turned off during instruction unless authorized by teachers. Therefore, unauthorized use is grounds for confiscation of the device by school officials, including classroom teachers. Confiscated devices may be returned to the student, parent or guardian, dependent upon progressive discipline at the building level. Repeated unauthorized use of such devices may result in additional disciplinary action.

Building-level administrators or teachers may grant permission for individual students to use and/or possess cell phones, if, in the sole discretion of the administrator or teacher, such use is necessary to the safety and/or welfare of the student.

Cross References:
Policy 3310 Student Discipline

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