

Students and Electronic Devices

Students in possession of telecommunications devices, including mobile phones, earbuds, headphones, smart watches, etc., while on school property or while attending school-sponsored or school-related activities will observe the following conditions:

- A. When a student arrives on campus, electronic devices are not to be used unless a school administrator authorizes the use of the device;
 - a. Middle and High School students are to keep their devices in a school-issued locker.
 - b. Students at Outreach and Alternative Education Programs are included in this policy, understanding that individual exceptions may apply and can be approved of by the principal.
 - c. Elementary students shall keep cell phones turned off in their backpacks, which are to be stored in cubbies, or in a location designated by their teacher and shall not use their phones while on school campus without the express permission of their teacher for emergencies.
- B. The use of telecommunication devices on school district property is not allowed during school hours (with the exception of the off-district property lunch period, HS students only), unless an emergency situation exists that involves imminent physical danger, an official school approved medical plan includes the use, or a school administrator authorizes the student to use the device;
- C. 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. This includes filming others while on school property or during school events and/or posting imagery to social media without others' written consent;
- D. 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;
- E. Content or images that violate state or federal laws will be referred to law enforcement;
- F. When a school staff member has reasonable suspicion, based on objective and articulable facts, that a student is using a telecommunications device on school district property during regular school hours, the official may confiscate the device;
- G. Students are responsible for devices they bring to school. The district will not be responsible for loss, the search and location of (including the review of school surveillance footage), theft or destruction of devices brought onto school property or to school sponsored events;

- H. Students will comply with any additional rules developed by the school concerning the appropriate use of telecommunication or other electronic devices; and
- I. Students who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the procedure portion of this policy as well as any other applicable rules and policies, depending on the nature of the offense.

Cross References: 4310 - District Relationships with Law Enforcement and other Government Agencies
 3241 - Classroom Management, Discipline and Corrective Action
 3207 - Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
 2022 - Electronic Resources

Management Resources: 2010 – October Issue
 2019 - October Issue
 2010 - June Issue
 Policy News, February 2004 Evolution of Cell Phone Use

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Offense Procedure

Step	Action
1	The student's electronic device will be confiscated by the staff member and held in the classroom for the duration of the period. The staff member will notify the guardian and send notice of this communication (and the infraction) to the office so it can be documented.
2	The student's electronic device will be confiscated for the day and held in the office for the remainder of the day. The student will notify the guardian and the office will document the behavior accordingly.
3	The student's electronic device will be confiscated and a guardian will be required to pick it up.

Non-Compliance with the Policy

If a student chooses to not comply with the policy, a guardian(s) will be contacted and may be required to pick their student up from school.