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Authority

The Board prohibits **possession of** laser pointers and attachments and telephone paging devices/beepers by students on school property, on buses and other vehicles provided by the district, and at school-sponsored activities.[1]

The Board prohibits **use of** personal communication devices by students during the school day in district buildings. Such devices must be turned off during the school day.[2]

The Board prohibits **use of** cellular telephones that have the capability to take photographs or record audio or video during the school day in district buildings, on district property and while students are engaged in school-sponsored activities.[8]

In addition, the Board prohibits **possession and use** by students of any device that provides for a wireless, unfiltered connection to the Internet.[4]

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall annually notify students, parents/guardians and staff about the district's electronic device policy by publishing such policy in the student handbook, newsletters, posted notices, and other efficient methods.

Exceptions to the prohibitions set forth in this policy may be made for health, safety or emergency reasons with prior approval of the building principal or designee, or when use is provided for in a student's individualized education program (IEP).[5]

Guidelines

Violations of this policy by a student shall result in disciplinary action and may result in confiscation of the electronic device.[6][7]

The confiscated item shall not be returned until a conference has been held with a parent/guardian.

The district shall not be liable for the loss, damage or misuse of any electronic device brought to school by a student.

Telephone Pagers/Beeper

With prior administrative approval, the telephone paging device/beeper prohibition shall not apply in the following cases:[1]

1. A student who is a member of a volunteer fire company, ambulance or rescue squad.
2. A student who has a need for such a device due to the medical condition of an immediate family member.
3. Other reasons determined appropriate by the building principal.

Laptop Computers/Personal Digital Assistants

Laptop computers and personal digital assistants (PDAs) shall not be brought to school. The school is not responsible for loss of or damage to such devices.