



FARMINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 192

POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

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ISD 192 SPECIFIC POLICIES

1022 STUDENT USE OF PERSONAL MOBILE PHONES, DIGITAL IMAGING DEVICES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to set forth clear, consistent expectations for student conduct, academic integrity and responsible use of personal communication technologies and devices, including but not limited to mobile phones, digital picture/video cameras, and/or camera phones, and other personal electronic devices capable of transmitting data or images.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The Farmington Area Public School district holds high expectations for student behavior, academic integrity and responsible use of technology. Students who possess and/or use technology devices at school, on school buses, or school sponsored events (except for activities considered to be in the public arena such as sporting events or public performances) shall demonstrate the greatest respect for the educational environment and the rights and privacy of all individuals within the school community. State laws provide employees and students with certain privacy rights under state and federal law and shall not be recorded without the consent of the individual.

The district also understands the importance of keeping our students engaged in the classroom as the primary purpose of the district is to educate students. It has become increasingly clear that growing use of mobile and personal communication devices, social media and other applications, have introduced additional sources of disruption and distraction into classrooms. With the shift in emerging technology, the reality of decline in our student engagement has become prevalent primarily caused by external distractions from cellphones, digital imaging devices and other personal electronic devices.

III. STANDARDS FOR RESPONSIBLE USE AT SCHOOL, ON BUSES OR AT SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

A. Respect for the Educational Environment: Grades PK-8

1. Students shall not use any electronic device that in any way disrupts or detracts from the educational environment including but not limited to transmission or viewing of inappropriate material, violations of others' privacy rights, cheating, harassing, or bullying behavior.

2. Mobile phones and other personal electronic devices shall remain silent and kept out of sight during the school day, with the exception of medical management.
3. Students will not be allowed to leave class in response to any electronic devices with the exception of medical management.

B. Respect for the Educational Environment: Grades 9-12

1. Students shall not use any electronic device that in any way disrupts or detracts from the educational environment including but not limited to transmission or viewing of inappropriate material, violations of others' privacy rights, cheating, harassing, or bullying behavior.
2. Mobile phones and other personal electronic devices shall remain silent and kept out of sight during each class period, with the exception of medical management.
3. Students will not be allowed to leave class in response to any electronic devices with the exception of medical management.
4. Mobile phones and other electronic devices may be used appropriately and respectfully before and after classes, in common areas such as near lockers or the cafeteria or outside on school grounds.

C. Respect for Privacy Rights

1. Students shall not record, photograph or video other students or school employees on school property, on a school bus or at school-sponsored activities without their knowledge and consent, except for activities considered to be in the public arena (e.g. sporting events, public meetings, academic competitions or public performances).
2. Students shall not email, text, post to the internet or social media, or otherwise electronically transmit images of other individuals taken at school without their expressed consent.
3. Use of mobile phones or any other electronic device is strictly prohibited in locker rooms, dressing rooms, health offices and restrooms, where individuals have every expectation of privacy.

D. Assuring Academic Integrity

1. Students shall not use mobile phones or other electronic devices in any way that may cause a teacher or staff member to question whether the student may be cheating on tests or academic work or violating copyright policy.

2. Students are advised that the use of any audible transmission through any mobile or electronic device during certain testing events (including but not limited to ACT, Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exams) will result in the student being removed from the room and immediate cancellation of the exam.

E. Compliance with Other District Policies

Use of mobile phones or other personal electronic devices must not violate any other district policies, including those regarding student privacy, copyright, cheating, plagiarism, civility, student code of conduct, acceptable use of district technology, or harassment. If a violation occurs involving more than one district policy, consequences for each policy may apply.

F. Responsibility for Personal Property

1. Students who choose to bring a personal device to school assume all responsibility and risks relating to the possession and use of personal devices, including internet access and data transmission.
2. Parents are advised that mobile devices are not subject to the district's internet filters and responsibility for ensuring appropriate access to the internet rests with the individual student and family.
3. District employees will not be responsible for safeguarding or troubleshooting any student's personal electronic devices.

IV. VIOLATIONS OF THIS POLICY

Students who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action as defined below.

- A. An employee shall direct the student to put the device away.
- B. The employee may confiscate the device and turn it into the school office where the student may retrieve it at the end of the school day.

Other disciplinary action as outlined in Policy 506 may be utilized as deemed appropriate.

V. DISSEMINATION OF POLICY

This policy shall be included in the Student/Parent Handbook, posted to the district website and otherwise distributed upon request.

Cross References: Policy 413 - Harassment and Violence Policy
Policy 506 - Student Discipline
Policy 514 - Bullying Prohibition Policy
Policy 515 - Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records
Policy 1003 - Acceptable Use of District Technology