

Student

Use of Electronic Devices

The Board of Education recognizes that electronic communication devices can play a vital communication role during emergency situations. However, the ordinary use of electronic communication devices in school situations disrupts and interferes with the educational process and is not acceptable. For purposes of this policy, “electronic communication devices” include privately-owned cell phones, smart watches, tablets, cameras, audio and/or video recording devices, pagers, and any other telecommunications device that emits an audible signal, vibrates, displays a message, or otherwise summons or delivers a communication to the processor.

Students may carry electronic communication devices, but to protect the learning environment, the following guidelines shall apply.

Students in grades PreK – 8 are prohibited from using personal electronic devices on school premises during the designated school day. For this policy, the designated school day is 7:15 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. for grades prek-5 and 7:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. for grades 6-8. The school day includes but is not limited to instructional time, lunch periods, recess, school-sponsored programs, events or activities, or any other time during the designated school day. All personal electronic devices shall be turned off and be kept in in the students backpack or designated areas

Students in grades 9 – 12 are prohibited from using personal electronic devices during instructional time. Instructional time includes the entire period of a scheduled class and other times when students are directed to report to and participate in any instructional activity. Students may wear smart or electronic watches but may not use any communication applications or features that are prohibited from use on other electronic devices and all notifications must be turned off. All other personal electronic devices shall be turned off and kept in the students backpack or designated areas during instructional time. Personal electronic devices may be used lunch periods; however, such use is limited to communication with parent/guardians.

In the event an electronic communication device may be identified as an instructional tool, teachers may allow use of them for instructional purposes only. This use should be done on a limited basis and should have clear student expectations while using them.

Electronic communication devices may be used during emergencies. For purposes of this policy, “emergency” shall mean an actual or imminent threat to public health or safety, which may result in loss of life, or injury. The building principal may grant use of electronic communication devices in other circumstances as deemed necessary

Electronic communication devices with cameras are prohibited in locker rooms, bathrooms, or other locations where such operation may violate the privacy rights of another person.

It is the student's responsibility to ensure that the device is turned off and stored in the appropriate designated location during unauthorized times. Violation of this policy and/or use that violates any other district policy shall result in disciplinary measures and confiscation of the electronic device. Confiscated devices shall be returned to the student only after a conference with the parent/guardian, student, and school personnel. If the building principal or designee believes a student's possession or use of an electronic communication device may involve a violation of the law, the building principal or designee may also refer the matter to law enforcement, as appropriate.

The district shall not be responsible for loss, theft or destruction of electronic communication devices brought onto school property.

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