

**ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES OF THE
MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY 8.51
ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES**

(1) POLICY STATEMENT

The Milwaukee Public Schools shall provide an educational environment that is safe and orderly. Students are prohibited from activating, using, or displaying electronic communication devices such as cell phones, electronic pagers, or other electronic communication devices while on school premises during the school day (including after-school programs) or while participating in school-related activities off of school premises (for example field trips), other than for approved educational purposes. This commitment to a safe and orderly educational environment applies to all schools within the District.

(2) DEFINITION OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES

Electronic communication devices are any devices that can be used to send and/or receive voice or text messages. Such devices include, but are not limited to, cell phones, devices with internet access, and pagers.

(3) RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF STUDENTS

(a) The policy will be shared with students, staff, and parents annually.

(b) Any electronic communication device that is activated, used, or displayed will be confiscated, inventoried, and stored in a secure location until the school administration holds a conference with the parent or adult student. Any electronic communication device that is activated, used, or displayed in a manner that endangers the physical safety or emotional wellbeing of others will be confiscated and held for disciplinary proceedings or turned over to law enforcement.

(c) Students in violation of this rule shall be disciplined in accordance with Administrative Policy 8.28, Student Discipline.

(4) LIABILITY

In the event that electronic communication devices are brought to school, the school and school district will not be financially responsible for lost or stolen items.

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