

File: JICJ - Student Use of Cell Phones and Other Personal Technology Devices

NOTE: Colorado school districts are required by law to adopt a policy on this subject and the law contains some specific direction as to the content or language. This sample contains the content/language that CASB believes best meets the intent of the law. However, the district should consult with its own legal counsel to determine appropriate language that meets local circumstances and needs.

The Board of Education believes personal technology devices may be useful tools for students in the educational environment and can play a vital communication role during emergency situations. However, use of personal technology devices in school situations must be regulated to assure that the use of such devices does not disrupt or interfere with the educational process or school operations. Therefore, students may only use PTDs on District property, on a District vehicle or at a District or school-sponsored activity or event in accordance with this policy.

For purposes of this policy, "personal technology device" (PTD) includes any privately-owned portable technology device, including but not limited to cell phones, pagers, tablets, laptops, cameras, watches, audio and/or video recorders and players, and all other hand-held electronic communication and data storage devices.

Students may use PTDs as a designated tool for learning if authorized by the student's teacher. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that the PTD is turned off or placed in silent mode during unauthorized times.

Student use of PTDs with cameras and/or video recording capabilities is prohibited in locker rooms, bathrooms or any other location where such use could violate another person's reasonable expectation of privacy.

Students may not use PTDs to engage in, promote or facilitate any other conduct that violates the student code of conduct, other Board policies or regulations, or state or federal law.

Violation of this policy or any other District, school or classroom rule or regulation on student use of PTDs may result in disciplinary measures and/or temporary confiscation of the PTD. Confiscated devices will 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 a PTD may involve a violation of the law, the building principal or designee may also refer the matter to law enforcement.

The District is not responsible for loss, theft or destruction of PTDs brought onto school or District property or while the student is attending District or school-sponsored activities or events.

(Adoption date)

LEGAL REF.: C.R.S. 18-7-109 (posting, possession or exchange of a private image by a juvenile)

CROSS REFS.: JIC, Student Conduct

JIH, Student Interviews, Interrogations, Searches and Arrests

JK, Student Discipline

JS*, Student Use of the Internet and Electronic Communications

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SAFE-2-TELL

Safe-2-Tell provides students in all Colorado schools with an increased ability and opportunity to prevent and report violence and other inappropriate activities by making anonymous calls to 1-877-542-SAFE. The proactive and anonymous features of the program and hotline are critical. Safe-2-Tell provides the means for children and youth to take a stand, without fear of retribution **or school disciplinary action**, and to make a difference! For more information on this program, please go to <http://safe2tell.org/>

a. Cellular Devices

Technology and cellular devices are an invaluable resource. However, these items can be very disruptive to the learning process at school. Cellular devices will not be allowed in classrooms during the instructional day. Teachers will instruct students to place phones in an alternative location or in their lockers during the school day. If a cell phone or similar device is heard or used during class during the school day when it was not used for learning purposes, it will be confiscated. **The phone will be given to an administrator and may be picked up at the end of the day. On the second infraction, the phone will be given to an administrator and the parents of the student must come in to retrieve the phone. Continuous violations may result in disciplinary actions.** High School Students are permitted to use cell phones during passing periods and lunch. School administration or law enforcement reserves the right to inspect any cell phone if there is a reasonable suspicion that a school rule or law has been broken. Parents/Guardians will be notified. **The exception to this is the student use of Safe-2-Tell.**

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