

WIRELESS DEVICES PROHIBITION

[ISBA Code: 4307]

Wireless electronic devices include any portable device capable of voice, messaging, or other data communication between two or more people, such as cellular phones, tablets, laptops, digital cameras, gaming devices, smartwatches, wireless headphones/earbuds, smart glasses, or any similar device connected to a cell phone, cell tower, or the internet.

A student may bring a wireless electronic device to school; however, possession or use of the device during the school day is prohibited. A student may use such a device if a teacher requires the use of a school-supplied device or a school-sanctioned device for instructional purposes only.

During the school day, the wireless devices must be stored away in a secure location, powered off, and inaccessible to students. The secure location shall be designated by the building administration. Secure locations may include, but are not limited to:

- Book bags (when not carried on the person and inaccessible to the student)
- Lockers
- Locking pouches
- Secured storage containers

This policy is not violated in the following circumstances:

- a) when a teacher has permitted the student to use a school-sanctioned or school-provided wireless device for educational purposes during the school day;
- b) the student is authorized to use the wireless device at an appropriate time during an emergency;
- c) the student's use of the wireless device is to manage the student's medical condition as documented by and pursuant to an order of a licensed health care provider;
- d) the use by the student of the wireless device is part of the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Plan;
- e) the use of the wireless device by the student is necessary for language translation when no school-managed device is available;
- f) the student uses an unobtrusive audio recording device for notetaking or personal learning assistance as long as the device captures only spoken word audio, does not capture, store, or transmit images or video, is visible to the teacher when in use, is provided for inspection by school officials, and is used in a manner consistent with recording audio provisions of state and federal laws. A recording made by such a device will not be used for a disciplinary, evaluative, or supervisory purpose against a student or employee.

A student may be disciplined, including suspended or expelled, for using a wireless electronic device in a manner that violates this policy and may have the device confiscated by school administration. School corporations and school personnel are immune from civil liability for actions

taken in good faith to comply with this law. The device will be returned to the parent/guardian or adult in the residence of the student.

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