

5340-R Student Cell Phone and Smart Devices

Purpose

The purpose of this regulation is to establish clear expectations for the appropriate use of cell phones and smart devices by students in order to:

- Maintain an effective learning environment
- Minimize disruptions during instructional time
- Promote student responsibility
- Ensure compliance with state law and Board policy

Scope

This regulation applies to all students during the **school operating hours**, including school-sponsored activities unless otherwise specified.

Smart Glasses are strictly prohibited.

Devices covered under this policy include, but are not limited to:

- Cell phones
- Smart watches
- Any Non-District issued electronic device capable of transmitting or receiving communication

Exceptions may be granted only for documented medical or educational purposes and must be approved in advance by school administration. Please consult with the school nurse and/or school administration regarding the documentation required to request an exception.

Failure to comply with this expectation will result in disciplinary action consistent with District policy and school procedures.

The District is not responsible for loss, theft, or damage to personal electronic devices brought onto District property.

Enforcement and Consequences

Violations of this policy will result in disciplinary action consistent with District procedures, which may include but not limited to:

- Verbal warning
- Confiscation of the device

- Parent/guardian notification
- Loss of device privileges
- Additional disciplinary measures as outlined in the Student Handbook

Repeated violations will result in progressive discipline.

Administrative Authority

School administrators are authorized to:

- Establish building-level procedures consistent with this policy and regulation
- Temporarily restrict or expand device use based on instructional or safety needs
- Confiscate devices when policy violations occur

General Expectations for Cell Phones and Smart Devices (K-12)

To support a focused and distraction-free learning environment, the use of personal electronic devices by students is prohibited during the schools operating hours.

Cell phones and smart devices, and other electronic communication devices, are **banned from student use from arrival at school until final dismissal.**

Students who bring such devices to school must ensure they are powered off and stored in backpacks or another school designated location at all times during the schools operating hours.

ADOPTION DATE:

LEGAL REFERENCE(S): **W.S. 21-3-110(a)(xlv)**

CROSS REFERENCE(S): 5330, 5276, 5276-R, 7100, 7100-R Section 3