

POLICY - STUDENTS AND TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES**3245**

Students in possession of telecommunications devices, including, but not limited to, smartphones, smartwatches, and wireless earbuds/headphones, while on school property or while attending school-sponsored or school-related activities will observe the following conditions:

- A. Telecommunication devices will be turned off and operated only before and after the regular school day unless an emergency situation exists that involves imminent physical danger, or a school administrator authorizes the student to use the device for students in pre-k through grade 8. High school students (9-12) telecommunication devices must be silenced and out of sight during all instructional times throughout the school day. Permitted use only includes before and after school, during lunch, and during passing time;
- B. Students will not use telecommunication devices in a manner that poses a threat to academic integrity, disrupts the learning environment, or violates the privacy rights of others;
- C. Students will not send, share, view, or possess pictures, text messages, emails, or other material depicting sexually explicit conduct, as defined in [RCW 9.68A.011](#), in electronic or any other form on a cell phone or other electronic device, while the student is on school grounds, at school-sponsored events or on school buses or vehicles provided by the district;
- D. When a school official has reasonable suspicion, based on objective and articulable facts, that a student is using a telecommunications device in a manner that violates the law or school rules, the official may confiscate the device, which will only be returned to the student's parent or legal guardian at the conclusion of the investigation;
- E. Students are responsible for devices they bring to school. The district will not be responsible for loss, theft or destruction of devices brought onto school property or to school-sponsored events;
- F. Students will comply with any additional rules developed by the school concerning the appropriate use of telecommunication or other electronic devices;
- G. No student shall be prohibited from possessing or using a personal mobile device that is determined by a licensed physician and documented by the school nurse to be essential for the health of the student and the use of which is limited to purposes of health for the student; and
- H. Students who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action.

Adopted:

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NTPS Board of Directors