Students and Telecommunication Devices

Students in possession of telecommunications devices, including, but not limited to, headphones, earbuds, smart watches, iPads, tablets, and cell phones while on school property or while attending school-sponsored or school-related activities will observe the following conditions:

A. All students are encouraged to leave cell phones and other telecommunication devices at home. Otherwise, all telecommunication devices are to be locked in the student's locker.

B. Devices will not be allowed in classrooms, hallways, commons, the gym, restrooms, pockets, or notebooks.

    a. The best way to contact students during the school day is to call the school office for any type of message or change to a pick-up/departure routine. There is a student phone in the office to use upon request.

C. This policy will be in effect from the time students get to school in the morning until the end of the school day.

D. If a student is seen using a telecommunication device without proper authorization, the device will be confiscated, placed in a secure area, and returned to the student at the end of the regular school day. Repeated violations will result in further disciplinary action as per Procedure 3245.

    a. Authorization for use of a telecommunication device would be granted in situations such as an IEP/504 accommodation.

E. 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;

F. 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.

G. 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.

H. By bringing a cell phone or other electronic devices to school or school-sponsored events, the student and their parent/guardian consent to the search of the device when school officials have a reasonable suspicion, based on objective and articulable facts, that such a search will reveal a violation of the law or school rules. The scope of the search will be limited to the violation of which the student is accused. Content or images that violate state or federal laws will be referred to law enforcement.

I. 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.

J. Students will comply with any additional rules developed by the school concerning the appropriate use of telecommunication or other electronic devices.

K. Students who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, including suspension or expulsion.

Cross References:	4310 - District Relationships with Law Enforcement and other Government Agencies
	3241 - Classroom Management, Discipline and Corrective Action
	3207 - Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
	2022 - Electronic Resources

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