



Strasburg School District 31J

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Student Use of Cell Phones and Other Personal Electronic Devices Regulation	JICJ-R
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Student Use of Cell Phones and Other Personal Electronic Devices — Field Trips, Sporting Events, Assemblies, School-Provided Transportation, and Consequences

Scope and Reference

This regulation supplements the District Student Use of Cell Phones and Other Personal Electronic Devices policy and applies to all students on District property, in District vehicles, and at District- or school-sponsored activities.

Permitted and Prohibited Use During Specified Activities

Field trips and school-sponsored off-site activities (during the school day): Use of personal electronic devices is not permitted. Staff or field trip sponsors may allow students to bring them on the trip as long as the staff or sponsor collects them to use for emergency use only.

Sporting Events (for athletes): Devices may be used by students only when off the playing/competitive area and when such use does not disrupt the event, distract participants, or violate other provisions of the policy (e.g., no recording that violates privacy or causes harm). Coaches/advisors may set additional, event-specific rules which students must follow.

Assemblies and Performances (during the school day): Use of personal electronic devices is not permitted.

School-Provided Transportation (buses, vans, shuttles, etc.): Devices may be used for quiet, non-disruptive activities when permitted by the driver and/or sponsor and in compliance with safety rules (no headset volume that prevents hearing safety directions). Photographing or recording others is prohibited where it would violate privacy or create emotional distress. Devices must be stored and silenced if directed by the driver or sponsor.

Staff Authority and Expectations

Staff, sponsors, coaches, and drivers may require devices be stored, turned off, or surrendered for the duration of a trip, event, or activity to maintain safety and a productive environment.

Students must comply with staff directions regarding device use. Refusal to surrender a device upon request will result in disciplinary action consistent with this regulation and the District policy.

Recording and Privacy

All prohibitions in the District policy regarding photographing, recording, or disseminating images or recordings that invade privacy, cause emotional distress, or otherwise violate law or Board policy apply in these settings.

Consequences for Violations (Progressive Discipline)

- 1st offense: Device confiscated and placed in the office. Student may pick up at the end of the school day. Parent/guardian contacted by phone to discuss behavior and notify that the next

infraction will result in a 1-day suspension.

- 2nd offense: Device confiscated and placed in the office. Parent/guardian must pick up the device at the end of the school day. One day in school suspension.
- 3rd offense: One-day out-of-school suspension. Student may return only after a parent/guardian pre-entry meeting with school administration. Device confiscated and released only to parent/guardian when they pick the student up to go home.
- 4th offense and subsequent offenses: Follow the 3rd-offense procedure with an additional day of out-of-school suspension for each subsequent offense (e.g., 4th = 2 days, 5th = 3 days, etc.). Note: Accumulation of 10 total suspension days could trigger an expulsion hearing at the district level, per District discipline procedures.

Additional: Students who refuse to surrender devices when requested, or whose device is used to commit a serious violation (e.g., harassment, distribution of explicit images, threats) may be subject to escalated discipline up to suspension or expulsion and possible referral to law enforcement, consistent with District policy.

Implementation and Notice

School administrators and activity sponsors shall communicate event-specific device expectations in advance (e.g., permission slips, team handbooks, pre-trip meetings).

This regulation will be included in student handbooks and communicated to students and families at the start of each school year and before major trips or events.

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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 Technology Resources