POLICY

No. 546

Board of Trustees
Douglas County School District

STUDENTS

Personal Technology and Communication Devices

Nevada law requires the Douglas County School District Board of Trustees ("the Board") to adopt a policy concerning the use and possession by students of electronic communication devices, including, without limitation, mobile phones, tablets, and wearable smart devices such as smart watches and glasses, etc.

1. Students may possess electronic devices, provided that such devices do not disrupt the educational program or school activity. Any disruptive, inappropriate or illegal usage of any electronic devices may result in disciplinary consequences as set forth below.

2. During instructional time, electronic communication devices must be turned off and stored out of sight so as not to interfere with or disrupt instruction (This excludes smart watches).

3. Elementary and Middle School students may not use electronic communication devices during scheduled nutrition or lunch periods, at school-sponsored activities during the regular school day, but may use them on district buses.

4. High school students may use electronic communication devices during scheduled nutrition or lunch periods, at school-sponsored activities, and while on district buses.

5. The use of electronic devices capable of capturing audio or video recordings is strictly prohibited in restrooms, locker rooms, student clinics or health offices of any school buildings, whether or not such event or activity is located on the premises of the District.

6. Wearable devices capable of audio or video recording, such as smart glasses, must be powered off and stored during the school day unless specifically authorized for instructional, accessibility, or health purposes.

7. During state or other high-stakes testing, personal electronic devices must not be in a student's possession. Should any electronic device cause a disruption during an assessment, the student's test will be invalidated, and the student will be subject to discipline.

8. This policy shall be included within each copy of the rules of behavior for pupils.

9. This policy does not apply to electronic devices issued to students by DCSD for instructional purposes.

Disciplinary Action

In the event that a student violates the provisions of this policy, consequences will be implemented based on the number and severity of the violation. The following will serve as a guideline, and more severe consequences may be issued based on the seriousness of the infraction.

First Infraction: Warning and confiscation of the device for the remainder of the school day.

Second Infraction: Confiscation of the device for the remainder of the school day, and a parent must meet with a school official to claim the device.

Additional Infractions: Repeated violations may result in disciplinary action under Board Policy No. 525 and Administrative Regulation No. 529 and may include suspension.

Exceptions

Electronic communication devices may be used in the following circumstances:

i. During an emergency, crisis, or as needed to manage the health of a pupil;
ii. If a teacher allows for the use of an electronic communication device for instructional purposes; and
iii. If the use of an electronic communication device is included as part of an individualized education program or a plan developed in accordance with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 USC § 794.

See Administrative Regulation 546 related to this Policy
Student Acceptable Use Agreement - English

Reference:

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