Sparta Area School District

Article 520 - Possession or Use of Cell Phones

It is the policy of the Sparta Area School District to regulate student use and/or possession of cell phones, electronic paging or other communication devices while on premises owned, rented, leased or under the control of the school district.

The board acknowledges the potential instructional value of such devices. However, the expectations for student use of electronic devices within classrooms will be determined by each classroom teacher. The use of electronic communication devices while on field trips or other school sponsored activities will be at the discretion of the teacher, advisor or coach.

The responsible use of electronic communication devices is allowed before and after school, during passing periods in the hallways in the secondary schools, during lunch periods and during bus transportation to and from school.

Electronic devices are not to be used in bathrooms and locker rooms at any time. Electronic communication devices may never be used in a manner that will cause disruption to the educational environment, invade the privacy of another individual or threaten the safety of students or staff.

Cell phones and other electronic devices that are used in ways that are contrary to school policy, board policy and/or statute will be confiscated according to school policies.

SASD will not be responsible for loss, damage, or theft of any electronic or digital device brought to school.

The Board of Education shall provide each student with a copy of this policy annually and shall submit a copy to the state superintendent upon its adoption and revision.

Legal Reference: Wisconsin Statute 118.258

Cross Reference: Article 534 – Cyber Bullying
Article 176 – Privacy in the Locker Rooms

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