

STUDENTS AND TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES

Students in possession of telecommunications devices including, but not limited to, pagers, beepers, and cellular phones, while on school property or while attending school-sponsored or school-related activities will observe the following conditions:

- A. Telecommunication devices will be turned to silence mode and operated only before and after the regular school day and during the student's lunch and class break, unless an emergency situation exists that involves imminent physical danger or a school administrator authorizes the student to use the device.
- 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.
- E. 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.
- F. 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.
- G. Students will comply with any additional rules developed by the school concerning the appropriate use of telecommunication or other electronic devices.
- H. Students who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, including suspension or expulsion.

Cross References:

Board Policy 2022

Electronic Resources

Board Policy 3207	Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying
Board Policy 3241P	Classroom Management, Corrective Actions, or Consequences
Board Policy 4310	Relations with Law Enforcement, Child Protective Agencies, and the County Health Department

Management Resources:

<i>Policy News</i> , October 2010	Students and Telecommunication Devices Revisited
<i>Policy News</i> , June 2010	Students and Sexting
<i>Policy News</i> , February 2004	Evolution of Cell Phone Use