

HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

POLICY CODE: JICJ Unauthorized Communication Devices	FIRST ADOPTION: 12/21/2020
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Student use of cell phones, cameras, wearable technological devices, and other similar electronic communication devices for non-educational purposes is strictly prohibited during the school day for grades preschool - 8.

At the high school level, students may access their phones and other electronic communication devices during non-learning times of their day as designated by the principal, as well as for education purposes during class times with permission from the classroom teacher.

The Principal or designee may grant an exception to this policy for medical or emergency reasons only. This exception requires a written report from the student's medical provider explaining the need for the exception.

Students participating in extracurricular activities or athletics must be informed by their sponsor or coach of their rules involving cell phone use after hours or on after-school bus trips. Sponsors and coaches will advise students of the rules and establish their consequences for the use and/or misuse of these devices.

Additionally, it is prohibited for students to take, store, disseminate, transfer, view, or share obscene, pornographic, lewd, or otherwise illegal images or photographs, whether by electronic data transfer or other means, including but not limited to texting and e-mailing. Any student found to have engaged in such conduct shall be reported to local law enforcement authorities and may face criminal penalties in accordance with applicable law. School administrators shall refer such matters to local law enforcement if the administrator believes student action in this regard involves illegal activity (e.g., pornography.)

The school district will not be responsible for loss, damage or theft of any electronic communication device brought to the school.