

STUDENTS**Students and Telecommunication Devices**

Students in possession of telecommunications or mobile devices, including, but not limited to, cellular phones, smartwatches, non-medical listening devices, and headphones/earbuds while on school property or while attending school-sponsored or school-related activities will observe the following conditions:

- A. Telecommunication or mobile devices will be accessed and operated only before and after the regular school day except for high school where they can be accessed anytime except during classroom instructional hours, unless an emergency situation exists that involves imminent physical danger or a school administrator authorizes the student to use the device;
- B. Students may access their mobile devices to manage their documented medical condition in accordance with the student's health care provider orders and/or other written IEP, 504, or Health Care Plans;
- C. Students not following school/district rules regarding acceptable times of mobile device use may have their devices confiscated and returned in the same school day. Repeated offenses will result in a required parent/guardian meeting to discuss a plan;
- D. Students will not use telecommunication or mobile devices in a manner that poses a threat to academic integrity, disrupts the learning environment, or violates the privacy rights of others;
- E. 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 telecommunication or mobile device, while the student is on school grounds, at school-sponsored events or on school buses or vehicles provided by the district;
- F. When a school official has reasonable suspicion, based on objective and articulable facts, that a student is using a telecommunications or mobile device in a manner that violates the law, the official may confiscate the device;
- G. By bringing a cell phone or other telecommunication or mobile device 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;
- H. Students are responsible for telecommunication or mobile devices they bring to school. The district will not be responsible for loss, theft or destruction of telecommunication or mobile devices brought onto school property or to school-sponsored events;
- I. Students will comply with any additional rules developed by the school concerning the appropriate use of telecommunication or other electronic devices; and
- J. Students who violate this policy may be subject to disciplinary action.

Cross References:

Board Policy, 2022	Electronic Resources and Internet Safety
Board Policy, 3207	Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
Board Policy, 3241	Student Discipline
Board Policy, 4310	District Responsibilities with Law Enforcement and Other Government Agencies

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