

TITLE: 7363R Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND: To provide guidelines for the possession and use of such devices on school grounds

APPLICABILITY: All students

MONITORING RESPONSIBILITY: Site Administrator

OUTLINE OF PROCEDURE:

To ensure an environment conducive to learning, the following rules apply:

1. During the school day, students may keep personal electronic devices (PEDs) out of sight in pockets, backpacks, lockers, etc., and in non-operational mode (i.e., unable to send or receive calls or text messaging and not on vibrate or silent ringer), for use in the case of an emergency, academic or school directed use. Any device that is visible is considered in use, will be subject to confiscation by school administrators/designees and will only be released to the parent/legal guardian.
2. Students may bring personal electronic devices to school, provided they only use the devices outside scheduled class time, render the devices non-operational and keep them out of sight during academic sessions.

Personal electronic devices shall be permitted on school buses, as authorized by the driver, unless use of the personal electronic device causes a disruption on the school bus.

- a. Personal electronic devices must be turned off and put away during bus evacuation drills and in cases of emergency.
 - b. Whenever the school bus is stopped at railroad crossings or pulled over at the side of the road with the driver addressing the riders, personal electronic devices shall be turned off and all ear pieces (ear buds, head phones, etc.) removed from ears.
3. The school district strictly prohibits the use of cel phones, calculators, cameras, video cameras or any other electronic device that has the capability of taking, storing or transmitting pictures in the following areas:
 - a. Locker rooms
 - b. Restrooms
 - c. Any room where testing is conducted, regardless of the type of test.

Any violation of these provisions may result in the communication device privilege being revoked for the rest of the school year. The use of any type of device for cheating, bullying, harassing or commission of a crime will result in disciplinary action. The use of a device to transmit or store

pictures or data in prohibited areas **will** result in suspension, expulsion and/or legal action.

MINIMUM CONSEQUENCES:

First Offense:

- The device shall be confiscated
- The parent/legal guardian shall be notified
- Arrangements for releasing the device shall be made during parent/legal guardian contact
- The policy shall be reviewed with the student and his/her parent/legal guardian
- A warning shall be given regarding the consequences for further violation

Second Offense:

- The device shall be confiscated
- The parent/legal guardian shall be notified
- The device shall be turned over to the parent/legal guardian
- The policy shall again be reviewed with the student and his/her parent/legal guardian
- A warning shall be given regarding the consequences for any future violation
- Consequence shall be given for “electronic devices”
- Privilege of carrying device shall be revoked for 90 school days \

Third Offense:

- The device shall be confiscated
- The parent/legal guardian shall be notified
- The device shall be turned over to the parent/legal guardian
- Consequence shall be given for third offense for “electronic devices”
- Privilege of carrying device shall be revoked for one calendar year

NOTE: Further disciplinary measures may apply depending on severity of the offense. A student who uses a personal electronic device in the commission of any other disciplinary offense shall have the punishment for the offense **increased a step**.

Appeals: A parent/legal guardian shall have the right to submit a written appeal within ten (10) school days after determination of a third offense to the Superintendent/Designee.

The policy will be included in the Parent/Student Handbook. Parents/Legal Guardians may obtain special exceptions for medical conditions from the site administrator.

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