

5136 - CELLULAR TELEPHONES AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES

A student may possess a cellular telephone or other electronic communication devices (ECD) (e.g., laser pointers and attachments, paging devices/beepers, personal digital assistants (PDAs), and other devices designed to receive and send an electronic signal) in school, on school property, at after school activities and at school-related functions, provided that during school hours and on school vehicles the cellular telephone or other ECD remains off. Students may not use cellular telephones or ECDs on school property or at a school-sponsored activity to access and/or view Internet web sites that are otherwise blocked to students at school.

Also, during school activities when directed by the administrator or sponsor, cellular telephones and other ECDs shall be turned off (not just placed into vibrate or silent mode) and stored out of sight.

The requirement that cellular telephones and ECDs must be turned off will not apply if the student is using the cellular telephone or ECD for an educational or instructional purpose with the teacher's permission and supervision and obtains prior approval from the building principal.

The use of cellular telephones and other ECDs in locker rooms, classrooms, bathrooms and/or swimming pool is prohibited.

Possession of a cellular telephone or other ECD by a student is a privilege, which may be forfeited by any student who fails to abide by the terms of this policy, or otherwise engages in misuse of this privilege.

Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action and/or confiscation of the cellular telephone or ECD. If the cellular telephone or ECD is confiscated, it will be released/returned to the student's parent/guardian after the student complies with any other disciplinary consequence that is imposed. The building principal may also refer the matter to law enforcement if the violation involves an illegal activity (e.g., child pornography).

The student who possesses a cellular telephone or ECD is responsible for its care. The Board is not responsible for preventing theft, loss, damage, or vandalism to cellular telephones or ECDs brought onto its property.

Parents/guardians are advised that the best way to get in touch with their child during the school day is by calling the school office.

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