

STUDENTS AND TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES, CAMERAS, AND VIDEO RECORDERS

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

- A. Telecommunication devices, cameras and video recorders for elementary students shall be turned off and secured in a backpack during school hours.
- B. Telecommunication device usage is not allowed while riding the school bus to and from school during the regular school hours.
- C. Telecommunication devices for elementary and middle school students shall be turned on and operated only before and after the regular school day, and high school students shall be turned on and operated only before and after the regular school day, passing periods, and during the student's lunch break, unless an emergency situation exists that involves imminent physical danger or a building administrator or staff member authorizes a student to use the device.
- D. Students will be allowed to utilize the District's wireless network for educational purposes unless the student's parent/guardian denies the student access by proactively notifying the school/district and filing an Internet Opt-Out form (2022F) which will be effective for one school year. The Opt-Out form must be filed each school year.
- E. Students shall 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.
- F. Students shall not send, share, view or possess pictures, text messages, emails or other material depicting sexually explicit conducts, 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/school related activities, or on school buses or vehicles provided by the district.
- G. When a staff member 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 shall only be returned to the student's parent/guardian.
- H. Students are responsible for devices they bring to school. The district shall not be responsible for loss, theft or destruction of devices brought onto school property or to school sponsored events/school related activities.
- I. Students shall comply with any additional rules developed by the district concerning the appropriate use of devices.
- J. Students who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, including suspension or expulsion.

Cross References: 2022 Electronic Resources
3207 Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
3241 Classroom Management, Corrective Actions or Punishment
3241P Classroom Management, Corrective Actions or Punishment
4310 Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies, Child Protective
Agencies and County Health

Management Resources: *Policy News*, February 2004 Evolution of Cell Phone Use
Policy News, June 2010 Students and Sexting
Policy News, October 2010 Students and Telecommunication
Devices Revisited

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