

## STUDENTS AND TELECOMMUNICATION/ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Students in possession of telecommunication devices and other related electronic devices shall observe the following conditions:

- A. Telecommunication devices will be turned off when students arrive on campus. However, each school addresses the appropriate times for use of telecommunication devices in their student handbook. Students are expected to adhere to all rules established by school administration.
- B. Electronic and telecommunication devices may not be used on school buses in such a way as to constitute a safety hazard or create a distraction for the driver. Personal cameras or recording devices are not to be used while on school vehicles.
- C. 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 electronic device, while the student is on school grounds, at school sponsored events or on school buses or vehicles provided by the district.
- D. 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 school vehicles
- E. By bringing a cell phone or other electronic 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 may be referred to law enforcement.
- F. Students shall comply with any additional rules developed by the school concerning the appropriate use of telecommunication or other electronic devices.

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Management Resources:      *Policy News, June 2010* Students and Sexting

*Policy News, October 2010* Students and Telecommunication Devices  
*Policy News, February 2004* Evolution of Cell Phone Use

### WSSDA Policy 3245

Cross References:	Policy 2022	Electronic Information System
	Policy 3207	Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying
	Policy 3241	Classroom Management, Corrective Actions or Punishment
	Policy 4310	Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies, Child Protective Agencies and County Health Officials
	Policy 5253	Professional Boundaries

Legal References:    RCW.9.68A.011      Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)