

## Students and Telecommunication Devices

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

- A. Telecommunication devices shall be turned on and operated only before and after the regular school day and during the student's lunch break, unless an emergency situation exists that involves imminent physical danger or a school official authorizes the student to use the device.
- B. 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.
- C. Students shall 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. When a school official 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 and send it to the office where the device will be stored. The student may pick up their phone after school on the first offense. The phone will be Returned To The Student's Parent Or Legal Guardian for any additional offenses. Failure by the student to surrender the device to the school official may lead to an out of school suspension.
- E. By bringing a cell phone or other electronic devices 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.
- F. 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.
- G. Students shall comply with any additional rules developed by the school concerning the appropriate use of telecommunication or other electronic devices.
- H. 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   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 Revisted

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