

**STUDENT USE OF PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Student possession and use of personal electronic devices (PEDs) including but not limited to cell phones, smartwatches, smartglasses and other electronic/messaging devices on school property, school buses, at school-sponsored activities, and while under the supervision and control of District employees is a privilege, which will be permitted only under the circumstances described herein.

Unless otherwise authorized by the building principal and/or the Superintendent, students may only use PEDs in accordance with the expectations laid out in each school's handbook and approved by the Board. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no student may use a PED in a manner that is detrimental to education or that is otherwise inconsistent with the District policies and rules.

The school is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen PEDs.

Other restrictions and/or exclusions may be imposed at the discretion of coaches and other activity supervisors during activities.

Students may not operate a PED with video or photographic capabilities in a locker room, bathroom, or any other location where such operation may violate the privacy rights of another person.

The unauthorized use of PEDs disrupts the instructional program and distracts from the learning environment. Any unauthorized use of such devices with the apparent intent to cheat, including texting or other electronic means to convey information, is prohibited. School officials, including classroom teachers and paraprofessionals, may confiscate any PED that is being used by a student in a manner that is not consistent with this policy. PEDs that are confiscated shall be turned in to the school's administrator(s). The school district will not be responsible for the condition of the student's PED. Any searches of a confiscated PED will be conducted pursuant to Policy JIH (Student Searches, Information Gathering, and Student Arrest). Any student not willing to comply with a request to turn over PEDs to school officials will be subject to additional consequences outlined in the school handbook.

Any student who operates a PED in a manner that is not in conformance with this policy shall be subject to discipline up to and including suspension or expulsion.

See also policy:

JIH - Student Searches, Information Gathering, and Student Arrests

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