STUDENT USE OF CELL PHONE AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Student possession and use of cell phones 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 restricted by the building principal and/or the Superintendent, students may use cell phones and other electronic/messaging devices in accordance with the expectations laid out in each school handbook and approved by the Board of Trustees. In special circumstances, the building principals may authorize the use of cell phones by students at other times. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no student may use a cell phone and/or other electronic/messaging devices in a manner that is detrimental to education or that is otherwise inconsistent with the school district policies and rules.

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

Except under special circumstances authorized by building administration, the use of cell phones during instructional time is prohibited.

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

Students may not operate a cell phone or other electronic device 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 such devices 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 cell phone or other device that is being used by a student in a manner that is not consistent with this policy. Cell phones that are confiscated shall be turned in to the school's administrator(s). Any searches of a confiscated cell phone will be conducted pursuant to Policy JIH (Student Searches, Information Gathering, and Student Arrest).

STUDENT USE OF CELL PHONE AND OTHER ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Any student who operates a cell phone 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:

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