

## STUDENTS AND TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES

Students in possession of telecommunications devices, including, but not limited to smart watches, earbuds, iPads, tablets, and cellular phones, while on school property or while attending school-sponsored or school-related activities shall observe the following conditions:

- A. All students are encouraged to leave cell phones and other telecommunication devices at home. Otherwise, all telecommunication devices are to be locked in the student's locker (MS/HS). For pre-K-5, devices brought to school must be turned off and remain in the students' backpack.
- B. Cell phones, earbuds and other telecommunication devices will not be allowed in classrooms, hallways, commons, gym, restrooms, playground, pockets, notebooks.
- C. This policy will be in effect from the time students get to school in the morning until the end of the school day.
- D. If a student is seen using a telecommunication device without proper authorization, the device will be confiscated, placed in a secure area, and returned to the student at the end of the regular school day. Repeated violations will result in further disciplinary action as per Procedure 3245.
- E. Students will 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 will ~~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.
- G. 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, which shall only be returned to the student's parent or legal guardian.
- H. 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.
- I. 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.
- J. Students shall comply with any additional rules developed by the school concerning the appropriate use of telecommunication or other electronic devices.
- K. Students who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action.

Cross References:	Board Policy 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:	<i>Policy News</i> , February 2004	Evolution of Cell Phone Use
	<i>Policy News</i> , June 2010	Students and Sexting
	<i>Policy News</i> , October 2010	Students and Telecommunication Devices Revisited
	<i>Policy News</i> , October 2019	

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