

ARTICLE VI INSTRUCTION

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES USE FOR STUDENTS

Student use of Electronic Communications Devices

In the following guidelines, the acronym ECD refers to students' personal electronic communication devices that are not authorized for use on school grounds during the school day, such as, but not limited to: cell phones, pagers, walkie-talkies, digital phones/cameras, and Personal Digital Assistants (PDA's).

“Using” an ECD shall mean: Making or receiving a call, taking/sending/receiving a picture, instant messaging texting, beaming information, or electronically communicating in any other manner.

1. Students may use an ECD at school before entering the building and after the last bell. At the High School, students may use an ECD before the first bell, during lunch, and after the last bell.
2. During the school day, the following rules apply to ECD possession:
 - a. At the Elementary level, students may NOT carry ECD's with them. If they are brought to school, they are to be left in the office during the school day.
 - b. At the Middle and Intermediate level, students may carry ECD's with them during the school day, but these devices must be in the “off” position.
 - c. At the High School level, students may carry ECD's with them during the school day. These devices must be in the “off” position, with the exception of lunch time.
3. ECD use in restrooms and locker rooms is prohibited at all times.
4. Students may not exit the building during the school day in order to use an ECD.
5. Students that participate in extracurricular activities must abide by the ECD use rules determined by the coach, advisor, or sponsor. Coaches, advisors, and sponsors will enforce the consequences involving misuse of these devices during practices, meetings, or competitions.
6. The school district is not responsible for loss, theft, or damage to ECD's. Students are encouraged to leave the devices in secure locations. A school district employee that stores an ECD for a student is not responsible for its loss, theft, or damage.
7. Violation of the policy will result in disciplinary action in accordance with the school building's code of conduct.

Any ECD used or heard during class time will be confiscated. Cameras, including cell phone cameras, shall not be used without specific prior consent from the building principal or his/her designee. Students violating this policy will have items confiscated and will face progressive discipline including up to out-of-school suspension. The building principal or designee shall have the discretion to determine the amount of time the phone will be confiscated, but this shall not exceed thirty (30) days. Students having items confiscated may be prohibited from bringing ECD's to school.

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