



Book	Policy Manual
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Students in possession of telecommunication devices, including, but not limited to, cellular phones, earbuds, headphones, gaming devices, smart watches, smart glasses, Bluetooth connectivity, and any wearable smart devices, while on school property or while attending school sponsored or school related activities will observe the following conditions:

- A. PK-12th grade: Telecommunication devices will be turned on and operated only before and after the regular school day unless an emergency situation exists that involves imminent physical danger or a school administrator authorizes the student to use the device;
- B. 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;
- C. Students will 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. Students will not use telecommunication devices to cyber-bully others. Cyberbullying is bullying using electronic devices to initiate repeated negative behavior toward another person. Electronic name-calling, shunning, and shaming are all forms of cyberbullying. So are spreading rumors, gossiping, and making threats online. Schools are permitted to discipline students who engage in cyberbullying if it disrupts the orderly operation of the school.
- E. 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 will only be returned to the student's parent or legal guardian;
- F. 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;
- G. Students are responsible for devices they bring to school. The district will not be responsible for loss, theft or destruction of devices brought onto school property or to school sponsored events;
- H. Students will comply with any additional rules developed by the school concerning the appropriate use of telecommunication or other electronic devices; and
- I. Students who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action.

Cross References:

Policy 2022 Electronic Resources and Internet Safety

Policy 3207 Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying

Policy 3241 Classroom Management, Corrective Actions or Punishment

Policy 4310 Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies, Child Protective Agencies and County Health Officials

Management Resources:

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Policy News, June 2010 Students and Sexting

Policy News, February 2004 Evolution of Cell Phone Use

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