

STUDENT USE OF PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES AT SCHOOL - SCHOOL RULES

The Board recognizes that many students possess cell phones and other electronic devices. These devices may not be used at school or during school activities in any manner that disrupts the educational process or violates Board policies or school rules.

Said Use is subject to the following:

- A. Students are prohibited from using personal electronic devices, including but not limited to cell phones, “smart phones,” smart watches and electronic games during school hours and school activities. All such devices must be turned off and will be kept in a secure location (such as pouches or lockers etc.) as determined by building administration.
- B. If this rule is violated, consequences may be imposed as outlined below and in the student handbook.
- C. The use of cameras or the camera/video function on any device, without permission, is strictly prohibited on school grounds or while engaged in school activities. Students are required to obtain permission before photographing or taking videos of any individual. Students are also required to obtain prior permission before posting any photos of videos of individuals taken at school on social media or elsewhere.
- D. When on school premises, the use of personal electronic devices that violate Board policies, administrative procedures, or school rules is prohibited. In addition, accessing, viewing, submitting, forwarding, downloading or displaying any materials that are defamatory, abusive, obscene, vulgar, sexually explicit, sexually suggestive, threatening, discriminatory, harassing, bullying and/or illegal is prohibited.
- E. Student cell phones and other personal electronic devices may be subject to search if there is reasonable suspicion that a student is violating Board policies, administrative procedures, or school rules, or engaging in other misconduct. School administrators may confiscate electronic devices for as long as necessary to complete their investigation.
- F. Students violating these rules will be subject to discipline, which may include:
 - 1. Exclusion of the device from school for an extended period of time; and
 - 2. Sanctions ranging from detention to expulsion from school, depending upon the nature of the offense and the student’s disciplinary record.

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