

Student Use of Cellular Telephones and Other Electronic Devices Rules

1. Students in the elementary and middle school are prohibited from using privately-owned electronic devices, including but not limited to cellular telephones, PDAs, handheld computers, MP3 players, and electronic games at any time during school hours and during school activities, (including study halls, field trips, and extracurricular activities). As authorized by the school staff, exceptions will be made for use on buses, during field trips, and at extracurricular activities.
2. Students in the high school are prohibited from using privately-owned electronic devices, including but not limited to cellular telephones, PDAs, handheld computers, MP3 players, and electronic games during classes and school activities, (including study halls, field trips, and extracurricular activities).
 - a. During classes and school activities, all such devices must be turned off.
 - b. The only exception to this rule is when a teacher specifically authorizes students to use such a personal electronic device for a specific purpose (such as entering an assignment on a PDA).
 - c. If this rule is violated, the teacher will immediately confiscate the device for the remainder of the school day, and discipline may be imposed as provided below.
 - d. As authorized by the school staff, exceptions will be made on buses, during field trips, and at extracurricular activities.
3. Cellular phones and other electronic devices capable of sending and receiving e-mail or text messages that will be used at the high school or during high school activities (including field trips and extracurricular activities) must be registered at the high school office. Any student using an unregistered device will be subject to discipline as provided below.
4. Assuming the device is properly registered with the high school office, high school students may use electronic devices during lunch periods and on buses. Cellular telephones must be kept on "vibrate" mode to avoid disrupting others.
5. The use of cameras, including camera phones, is strictly prohibited in locker rooms, restrooms, and classrooms. In other school locations, students are required to obtain permission before photographing any individual. Exceptions shall be made as authorized by supervising school staff, such as for the year book.
6. Any use of cellular telephones, cameras, and other electronic devices that violate any Board policy, administrative procedure, or school rule is strictly prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to violations of the student code of conduct, harassment, and cheating.
7. Students violating these rules will be subject to discipline, which may include:

8. Exclusion of the device from school for an extended period.
9. Sanctions ranging from detention to expulsion from school depending upon the nature of the offense and the student's disciplinary record.
10. Possible referral to law enforcement and/or legal action.