

## REGULATED CELL PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES

~~Carrying a cellphone/~~The District prohibits the use of cell phones or other electronic communication devices by students while on school property or attending a school instructional function except as provided otherwise below. Violation of this policy may include disciplinary measures under the district's student conduct policies up to and including suspension or expulsion.

~~Other electronic communication device in the school building is~~means any device which transmits by electronic means any writing, sound, visual image, or data of any nature to another electronic communication device. This includes personally owned electronic tablets, "smart" watches, earbuds, headphones, and gaming devices. The term "electronic communication device" includes a ~~privilege~~ cell phone.

~~Students are not prohibited from using an electronic communication device while on school property or attending a right. Cellphones (including ear buds or other communication accessories) may be not used~~school instructional function under any of the following circumstances:

1. When required by a student's individualized education program developed under the Special Education Act and its rules and regulations or a plan developed under section 504 of federal statutes;
- ~~1.2.~~ When authorized by the District for educational purposes during class instructional time except when approved by the teacher as part of a specific class activity or school project.;

~~Any prohibited items or devices brought to school or school events may be confiscated by district staff. Prohibited items will be turned over to the student's parents or guardian on request unless the object seized is dangerous, contrary to law, or has been turned over to legal authorities.~~

~~Prohibited devices shall include any item which is sufficiently annoying, offensive, unpleasant, or obnoxious that it substantially interferes with or materially disrupts the educational process. Students shall be advised annually through the Student Handbook of items that are prohibited on school grounds or at school activities.~~

3. In the case of an emergency or perceived threat of danger;
4. When necessary to monitor or manage a student's health care; or
5. When appropriate under District policies or otherwise allowed by an appropriate school employee.

In addition to any prohibitions on electronic communication devices ~~defined in the student handbook stated above~~, students shall not use ~~electronics~~ such devices for recording or transmitting photographs, images or sounds of other persons without direct administrative approval and consent of all person(s) being recorded, other than the recording of persons participating in school activities that are open to the public. Students

shall not use electronic devices at any time where there is an expectation of privacy.  
~~Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, suspension and expulsion from school.~~

This policy does not authorize monitoring, collecting, or otherwise accessing any information on an electronic communication device not owned by or provided for academic use by the school district.

Rules for confiscation of prohibited devices, returning of confiscated devices, and disciplinary measures will be published in the student handbook.

The development of this policy shall include stakeholder participation from students, parents, and educators in each community. It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent, in conjunction with the principal, to implement this policy.

Legal Reference:      Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 794  
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Cross Reference:    504.03 Student Conduct  
                             505      Student Discipline

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