

STUDENT USE OF CELLULAR TELEPHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES RULES

1. Students are prohibited from using privately-owned electronic devices, including but not limited to cellular telephones, Blackberries, 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/supervising adult specifically authorizes students to use such a personal electronic device.
 - c. If this rule is violated, the teacher may immediately confiscate the device and discipline may be imposed as provided below.
2. The use of still or video cameras in any type of electronic device is strictly prohibited in locker rooms and restrooms. It is also prohibited in classrooms except with the express permission of the teacher or supervising adult. In other school locations, students are required to obtain permission before photographing any individual. Students must also obtain permission from any individual appearing in a photograph or video prior to posting on any social networking site or other Internet site.
3. Any use of cellular telephones and other electronic devices that violates 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. In addition, accessing, viewing, posting, forwarding, downloading, or displaying any materials that are defamatory, abusive, obscene, vulgar, sexually explicit, sexually suggestive, threatening, discriminatory, harassing and/or illegal is prohibited.
4. Such devices may be subject to search if there is reasonable suspicion that a student is violating Board policies, procedures or school rules, or engaging in other misconduct. A building administrator may maintain possession of an electronic device as long as is reasonably necessary for evidentiary purposes.
5. Students violating these rules will be subject to discipline, which may include:
 - a. Exclusion of the device from school for an extended period;
 - b. Sanctions ranging from detention to expulsion from school depending upon the nature of the offense and the student's disciplinary record.

6. Evidence of illegal activities involving electronic devices will be referred to appropriate law enforcement authorities and a building administrator may give a device to law enforcement authorities upon request.

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