

Intermediate School District 917 Policy 556
Student Use of Cellular Phones and Other Personal Electronic Devices
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556 STUDENT USE OF CELLULAR PHONES AND OTHER PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to set forth expectations for appropriate use of existing and emerging technologies which students may possess, including but not limited to cellular phones and other personal electronic devices capable of recording and/or transmitting data or images.

II. INTERMEDIATE DISTRICT 917 REGULATIONS REGARDING STUDENT RECORDING

Students are prohibited from using cell phones, digital cameras or any other device to photograph, videotape or audio record other individuals at school (including, but not limited to, physical altercations, student conflicts, assault or harm done to students, staff or others), or at school sponsored activities without their knowledge and written consent. Students are prohibited from distributing, sharing, transmitting or broadcasting such images via e-mail, posting on social media or to the Internet, or otherwise electronically transmitting images of other individuals taken at school without the expressed written consent of the other individuals. Use of cellular phones, cameras or other personal electronic devices is strictly prohibited in locker rooms and restrooms. Students who violate this policy may be subject to disciplinary action as outlined District 917's student discipline policy 506.

III. DISSEMINATION OF POLICY

This policy shall be included in the Student/Parent Handbook, Intermediate School District 917 Staff Handbook, and posted to the District website and otherwise distributed upon request.

[NOTE: MSBA updated this note in their cell phone use policy 524 but we use policy 556 for ISD 917. It states, "~~Under the new law,~~ The Minnesota Elementary School Principals Association and the Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals ~~will~~ collaborated to make best practices available to schools on a range of different strategies to achieve the goals stated above.] Legislative updates prompted this note.

Legal Reference:

Minn. Stat. section 121A.73 (School Cell Phone Policy)

Cross Reference:

Student Discipline Policy 506