

5.0700 STUDENTS RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

5.0710 STUDENT USE OF PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN SCHOOLS (REFERENCE: UTAH CODE 53G-7-226)

5.0710.01 DEFINITIONS

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"Cellphone" means a handheld, portable electronic device that is designed to be operated using one or both hands and is capable of transmitting and receiving voice, data, or text communication by means of: a cellular network; a satellite network; or any other wireless technology.

"Cellphone" includes: a smartphone; a feature phone; a mobile phone; a satellite phone; or a personal digital assistant that incorporates capabilities similar to a smartphone, feature phone, mobile phone, or satellite phone.

"Smartwatch" means a wearable computing device that closely resembles a wristwatch or other time-keeping device with the capacity to act in place of or as an extension of an individual's cellphone.

"Smartwatch" does not include a wearable device that can only: tell time; monitor an individual's health informatics; receive and display notifications or information without the capability to respond; or track the individual's physical location.

"Emerging technology" means any other device that has or will be able to act in place of or as an extension of an individual's cellphone.

"Emerging technology" does not include school-provided or required devices.

"Listening device" means any device used for the purpose of listening, via bluetooth or other means, to what is being sent from a cell phone, smartwatch or other emerging technology. Listening devices include, but are not limited to, ear buds, headphones, etc.

5.0710.02 RESTRICTION OF DEVICES

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To allow all students to engage in learning during school, with minimal distraction, the following policy applies to all schools in the Duchesne County School District.

Cellphones, Smartwatches, emerging technologies, and listening devices must be turned off and out of sight during school. They may remain in the possession of the student, but cannot be visible in part or whole. This begins when the student arrives at school for the day and ends when students are dismissed for the day. Students will only be allowed to use school-issued electronic devices during class time. Students must keep personal devices off and out of sight during recess,

passing time, and every other activity during the school day. As an exception, schools who have an open campus during lunch may allow students to use their personal devices throughout the lunch period. Schools that are a closed campus during lunch shall not allow student use of personal devices during lunch.

- Individuals assume full responsibility for their own technology devices. This includes the device's safety, security and maintenance.
- Personal communication devices and/or devices that can take pictures or videos may not be used in locker rooms or bathrooms at any time.
- No taking, uploading or sharing photos, recording audio, or capturing video during school.
- Students may not have their phone out in the hallway, unless it is an open campus school and it is during lunch time.
- Any disruption to class or other educational activity may result in disciplinary action.

5.0710.03 *EXCEPTIONS*

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The following exceptions apply:

A student will be allowed to use a cellphone, smartwatch, emerging technology, or listening device:

1. to respond to an imminent threat to the health or safety of an individual;
2. to respond to a school-wide emergency;
3. to use the SafeUT Crisis Line;
4. to allow for a student to follow their Health Care plan, IEP, or Section 504 accommodation plan;
5. to address a medical necessity;
6. or during the lunch period of an open campus school.

In order to receive an exception, a student and/or their family needs to talk with a school administrator to discuss the nature of the need and the possible accommodations. If both the family and the school administrator agree, the student will be granted a specific exception for their specific need.

5.0710.04 *CONSEQUENCES*

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Any personal electronic device seen or heard will be confiscated.

- First Offense: The device will be confiscated until the end of the day.
- Second Offense: The parent must come to the school to regain possession.

- Third Offense: Parent must come to the school to regain possession and pay a fine.
- Fourth Offense: Parent must come to the school to regain possession and pay a fine.
- Additional Offense: The device may be confiscated until the end of the year and/or the student will enter into a behavior contract regarding this (and any other) behavior issue.

Fines collected will go into the school student activity fund to be directly used for student activities such as behavior rewards, positive behavior intervention supports, class rewards for achievement, field trips,