POLICY TITLE: Student Use of Electronic Communication POLICY NO: 553 PAGE 1 of 1 **Devices**

Notes: This is the last of the 500 reviews. We are trying to balance the need and process of students bringing their own devices as well as using classroom sets of devices and the non-educational use of the cell phone. This policy will be presented for input to the faculty and students.

Student use of electronic devices for communication and/or entertainment during school hours may be disruptive to the educational process.

Students are prohibited from using electronic devices on the school grounds during school hours, unless expressly authorized to do so by the principal or teacher for instructional purposes.

Cell Phones

Cell phones may be not be accessed during class time unless the teacher has specifically allowed the student to do so for educational purposes. Any student found using a cell phone, unless so authorized, will have the phone confiscated. The principal or designees will confiscate any such device being used by a student in violation of this policy. or the first violation, the device will be confiscated until the end of the school day and the student may reclaim it.

Cell phones confiscated on two (2) or more occasions must be reclaimed by the student with his/her parent or guardian present.

The district will use reasonable care to safeguard confiscated devices by designating a locked storage area, but does not assume liability in the event such confiscated device is lost, stolen, or damaged.

In addition, cell phones or other electronic devices used in violating school district policies, will be confiscated. No unauthorized videoing is allowed. Videoing crimes or violation of additional policy will be turned over to the principal or legal authorities.

DEFINITION

"Electronic communication and entertainment devices" shall include, but not be limited to, cell phones, iPODs, iPADs, Laptops, Video Cameras, Blackberries, pagers, MP3 players, and other similar devices or media players, without regard to the commercial name or manufacturer of the device.

LEGAL REFERENCE:

Idaho Code Section 33-512

ADOPTED: MAY 19, 2009

AMENDED:

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