

Descriptor Term: USE OF CELL PHONES IN SCHOOL	Descriptor: JICJ	Issued: 07/28/2009
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BOARD POLICY

Use and misuse of cell phones has become a serious problem that threatens the ability of the district's schools to properly and efficiently operate their educational programs. ~~Therefore, from the time of the first bell until after the last bell, students are forbidden from using cell phones (including paging devices and all other types of telecommunications and/or electronic device).~~ It is preferred that such devices be stored in the student's locker or vehicle in a silent mode of operation. For the purpose of this policy, the use of a cell phone includes any incoming or outgoing call, text message, message waiting, page, or any other audible sound coming from the phone or device. Therefore, cell phones/electronic devices and accessories are not to be seen nor heard inside buildings. Electronic device usage within any building on campus is prohibited.

Cell phone/electronic device and accessories usage inside or outside the building during an unauthorized time is prohibited.

Under special circumstances, a teacher may allow students in his/her class to use their cell phones or electronic devices during that class only, solely for purposes relating to the educational objectives of that class, and only upon specific verbal instruction by the teacher. Examples of appropriate uses include but are not limited to notating assignments in the device's calendar function, utilizing the calculator function, memo function, etc. Improper use or using the device after the educational objective has been completed will subject students to the consequences listed below.

The use of such devices at school sponsored functions outside the regular school day is permitted only to the extent and within the limitations allowed by the event or activity the student is attending.

Violation of this policy will subject the student to discipline under this provision and/or any other provision in the Student Code of Conduct that may be applicable to the circumstances involved. In the event of an emergency condition that may require the need for a cell phone, the principal or designee will provide specific written approval and instructions for use of a cell phone.

Cell phones used in violation of this policy will be confiscated and the parent/guardian of the student will be notified. The school will retain the confiscated electronic device until the student has completed the discipline imposed, after which it will be returned to the parent/guardian. Upon a second offense under this policy, the school will retain the electronic device until the end of the current semester and upon completion of the discipline imposed. If the parent/guardian does not reclaim the electronic device within thirty (30) days of the end of the semester, the school will dispose of the device. Students have no right of privacy as to the content contained on any cell phones and other electronic communication devices that have been confiscated. ~~The student and/or the student's parents/guardians expressly assume any risk associated with students owning or possessing technology equipment including cell phones.~~ The student and/or the student's parents/guardians expressly assume any risk associated with students owning or possessing technology equipment including cell phones/electronic devices and accessories. The students' parent/guardian may file a police report with the school resource officer.