

Memo



To: Dr. Karla Guseman
CC: Board of Education
From: Steve Locke and Brett Marcum
Date: February 17, 2026
Re: Policy 7:190 – Student Behavior (Electronic Equipment)

The current language included in Policy Exhibit 7:190e and the student handbook pertaining to electronic equipment reads as follows:

Using an electronic device, including but not limited to, a cellular telephone, smart watch, electronic games, or other electronic device, in any manner that disrupts the educational environment, including using the device to cheat, signal others, send text messages, take photographs, or otherwise violate student conduct rules is prohibited. Electronic devices and headphones can be used with permission from a teacher or staff member. Electronic devices may be reviewed for content. Joliet Township District 204 is not responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen items. All confiscated items not picked up by June 30th of the school year will be donated/destroyed. Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) or drones for any purpose on school grounds or at any school event without permission is also prohibited.

Based on the Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee presentation from the Board of Education meeting on January 20, 2026 we request the Board of education consider the request to adopt the following language relating to Electronic Devices:

Use, possession, and/or wearing of Smart or AI Glasses (i.e. Meta Glasses) is strictly prohibited at all JTHS 204 facilities and events. In academic areas, cell phones should be in their assigned space from bell to bell. The use of cell phones is not allowed in offices (such as dean or health), bathrooms, or locker rooms. Non-JTHS electronic devices (i.e. headphones/earbuds, iPods, iPads & non-JTHS laptops, etc.) must be off and stored in a backpack or belongings during class time. Electronic devices may be reviewed for content. Joliet Township District 204 is not responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen items. All confiscated items not picked up by June 30th of the school year will be donated/destroyed. Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) or drones for any purpose on school grounds or at any school event without permission is also prohibited.

Upon approval, this language would be updated in the Policy Exhibit 7:190e, the student handbook, and communicated to all stakeholders throughout the second semester and Summer. Administrators from the campuses would then work with Dr. Hampton on the purchase of materials needed to implement the recommended policy language.

Thank you and please let us know if you have further questions.