

Duchesne County School District - Policy Proposal

5.0710.01 Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices In Schools

Existing Policy	Proposed Policy
5.0710 Students Rights and Responsibility: Student Conduct	<p>5.0710 Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices In Schools (Reference: Utah Code 53G-7-226)</p> <p>5.0710.01 Definitions</p> <p>"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.</p> <p>"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.</p> <p>"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.</p> <p>"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.</p> <p>"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.</p> <p>"Emerging technology" does not include school-provided or required devices.</p> <p>"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.</p> <p>5.0710.02 Restriction Of Devices</p> <p>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.</p>

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 at the final bell excusing students for the day. Students must keep personal devices off and out of sight during recess, passing time, lunch, and every other activity during the school day. Students will only be allowed to use school-issued electronic devices during the school day.

- 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 the phone out in the hallway.
- Any disruption to class or other educational activity may result in disciplinary action.

5.0710.03 Exceptions

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. or to address a medical necessity.

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

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.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Third Offense: The parent(s), the student and school officials will meet to develop a cell phone plan for the student to help them abide the electronic device rule.• Fourth Offense: Parent must come to the school to regain possession and pay a fine.• Fifth 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. |
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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, etc.

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