

BOARD POLICY

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STUDENTS

ELECTRONIC **PERSONAL** COMMUNICATION DEVICES

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~~The Board recognizes that electronic communication devices and personal communication devices, such as cellular phones and pagers, are desirable and convenient means for a student to communicate with his/her parent(s) or guardian(s). Such devices can also be of critical use in emergency situations.~~

~~However, these items are frequently noisy and disruptive of the educational environment.~~

~~To balance these interests at the secondary schools, students are not permitted to use or have electronic communication devices or personal communication devices turned on, seen, or heard in a school building between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on a day in which school is in session. On days in which school is in session, the student use of electronic communication devices or personal communication devices on school premises between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. must be confined to areas designated by the building administrator. Students are not to use electronic communication devices or personal communication devices during school plays, concerts, ceremonies, indoor sporting events, assemblies, dances, and other school-sponsored indoor activities. Any exceptions to these restrictions must be approved in advance by the building administrator. At the elementary schools, students are not permitted to have electronic communication devices or personal communication devices, without the prior approval of the principal. Electronic communication devices and personal communication devices may not be used on school buses at any time.~~

~~A student's violation of any of these restrictions will result in disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.~~

The Board recognizes that Personal Communication Devices (PCDs), such as cellular phones and electronic tablets, are a convenient means for students to contact parents and can also be a valuable tool for instruction and learning.

Technology, including but not limited to PCDs, will be permitted as approved by the classroom teacher or the building administration. Students may not use PCDs on school property or during school sponsored activities to access and/or view Internet web sites that are otherwise blocked or prohibited for students at school.

Recording a building incident or a communication with a school district employee without expressed permission is not allowed. The rule against recording without permission is included under "Prohibited Acts" in Board Policy JD – Student Discipline and the penalty for violation of this rule shall range from warning to expulsion.

CROSS REF: Board Policy IFA – District Technology Network and Related Resources
Board Policy JD – Student Discipline