

WIRELESS DEVICES PROHIBITION

[ISBA Code: 4307]

~~Possessing and/or using a wireless electronic device which is portable and is capable of providing voice, messaging, or other data communications between two or more persons and includes cellular phones, tablet computers, laptop computers, digital cameras, and/or gaming devices in a manner which constitutes an interference with a school purpose or educational function, an invasion of privacy, or an act of academic dishonesty, or is profane, indecent, or obscene is prohibited.~~

~~This rule is not violated when the student has a) been given permission from a teacher to use a wireless device for educational purposes during instructional time; b) to use a wireless device in an emergency or to manage the student's health care; c) to use a wireless device as part of the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Plan.~~

~~Students who use wireless electronic devices in a manner which violates this rule may be disciplined. Students who use a personal wireless electronic device in a manner which violates this rule may have the device confiscated by school administration. Such a device will be returned to the parent.~~

A student may bring a wireless electronic device to school; however, they are prohibited from possessing or using it during the school day. Wireless electronic devices include any portable device capable of voice, messaging, or other data communication between two or more people, such as cellular phones, tablets, laptops, digital cameras, gaming devices, smartwatches, or any similar device connected to a cell phone, cell tower, or the internet. A student may use such a device if a teacher requires the use of a school-supplied device or a school-sanctioned device for instructional purposes only.

During the school day, the wireless devices must be stored away in a secure location, powered off, and inaccessible to students.

The secure location shall be designated by the building administration. Secure locations may include, but are not limited to:

- Book bags
- Lockers
- Locking pouches
- Secured storage containers

This policy is not violated in the following circumstances:

- a) when a teacher has permitted the student to use a school-sanctioned or school-provided wireless device for educational purposes during the school day;
- b) the student is authorized to use the wireless device at an appropriate time during an emergency;

- c) the student's use of the wireless device is to manage the student's medical condition as documented by and pursuant to an order of a licensed health care provider;
- d) the use by the student of the wireless device is part of the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Plan;
- e) the use of the wireless device by the student is necessary for language translation when no school-managed device is available;
- f) the student uses an unobtrusive audio recording device for notetaking or personal learning assistance as long as the device captures only spoken word audio, does not capture, store, or transmit images or video, is visible to the teacher when in use, is provided for inspection by school officials, and is used in a manner consistent with recording audio provisions of state and federal laws. A recording made by such a device will not be used for a disciplinary, evaluative, or supervisory purpose against a student or employee.

A student may be disciplined, including suspended or expelled, for using a wireless electronic device in a manner that violates this policy and may have the device confiscated by school administration. School corporations and school personnel are immune from civil liability for actions taken in good faith to comply with this law. The device will be returned to the parent/guardian.

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