

Cell Phone Policy
Monday, July 20, 2026 6:30 PM Mountain

Central Service Building
2102 Wagner Street
Strasburg, CO 80136

Diana Elliott: Present
Gema Gomez: Present
Michael Marrero: Present
Mary O'Malley: Present
Courtney Vance: Present

Present: 5.

I.	Opening of Meeting
	I.a. Roll Call
	I.b. Adoption of the Agenda
II.	Superintendent Report/Discussion
	II.a.Cell Phone Policy JICJ
	II.a.i. Cell Phone Final Regulation JICJ-R
	II.a.ii. Redlined Version JICJ
	II.a.iii. Final Version JICJ
	II.b.August Board Events
	- Back to School Night Extravaganza
	- Hometown Days
III.	Adjournment



Strasburg School District 31J

Policy:	File:
Student Use of Cell Phones and Other Personal Electronic Devices Regulation	JICJ-R
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Student Use of Cell Phones and Other Personal Electronic Devices — Field Trips, Sporting Events, Assemblies, School-Provided Transportation, and Consequences

Scope and Reference

This regulation supplements the District Student Use of Cell Phones and Other Personal Electronic Devices policy and applies to all students on District property, in District vehicles, and at District- or school-sponsored activities.

Permitted and Prohibited Use During Specified Activities

Field trips and school-sponsored off-site activities (during the school day): Use of personal electronic devices is not permitted. Staff or field trip sponsors may allow students to bring them on the trip as long as the staff or sponsor collects them to use for emergency use only.

Sporting Events (for athletes): Devices may be used by students only when off the playing/competitive area and when such use does not disrupt the event, distract participants, or violate other provisions of the policy (e.g., no recording that violates privacy or causes harm). Coaches/advisors may set additional, event-specific rules which students must follow.

Assemblies and Performances (during the school day): Use of personal electronic devices is not permitted.

School-Provided Transportation (buses, vans, shuttles, etc.): Devices may be used for quiet, non-disruptive activities when permitted by the driver and/or sponsor and in compliance with safety rules (no headset volume that prevents hearing safety directions). Photographing or recording others is prohibited where it would violate privacy or create emotional distress. Devices must be stored and silenced if directed by the driver or sponsor.

Staff Authority and Expectations

Staff, sponsors, coaches, and drivers may require devices be stored, turned off, or surrendered for the duration of a trip, event, or activity to maintain safety and a productive environment.

Students must comply with staff directions regarding device use. Refusal to surrender a device upon request will result in disciplinary action consistent with this regulation and the District policy.

Recording and Privacy

All prohibitions in the District policy regarding photographing, recording, or disseminating images or recordings that invade privacy, cause emotional distress, or otherwise violate law or Board policy apply in these settings.

Consequences for Violations (Progressive Discipline)

- 1st offense: Device confiscated and placed in the office. Student may pick up at the end of the school day. Parent/guardian contacted by phone to discuss behavior and notify that the next

infraction will result in a 1-day suspension.

- 2nd offense: Device confiscated and placed in the office. Parent/guardian must pick up the device at the end of the school day. One day in school suspension.
- 3rd offense: One-day out-of-school suspension. Student may return only after a parent/guardian pre-entry meeting with school administration. Device confiscated and released only to parent/guardian when they pick the student up to go home.
- 4th offense and subsequent offenses: Follow the 3rd-offense procedure with an additional day of out-of-school suspension for each subsequent offense (e.g., 4th = 2 days, 5th = 3 days, etc.). Note: Accumulation of 10 total suspension days could trigger an expulsion hearing at the district level, per District discipline procedures.

Additional: Students who refuse to surrender devices when requested, or whose device is used to commit a serious violation (e.g., harassment, distribution of explicit images, threats) may be subject to escalated discipline up to suspension or expulsion and possible referral to law enforcement, consistent with District policy.

Implementation and Notice

School administrators and activity sponsors shall communicate event-specific device expectations in advance (e.g., permission slips, team handbooks, pre-trip meetings).

This regulation will be included in student handbooks and communicated to students and families at the start of each school year and before major trips or events.

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LEGAL REF.: C.R.S. 18-7-109 (*posting, possession or exchange of a private image by a juvenile*)

CROSS REFS.: JIC, Student Conduct
JIH, Student Interviews, Interrogations, Searches and Arrests
JK, Student Discipline
JS, Student Use of Technology Resources



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This policy supports students in their academic success by removing the significant distraction posed by cell phone usage and other personal electronic communication technology. The goals of this policy are to enhance student engagement and participation in classroom activities by reducing the influence of social media-related disruptions; to foster meaningful connections and interpersonal skill development by encouraging face-to-face interactions among students; to support students in achieving academic success by minimizing interruptions to the learning process; and to model and promote responsible digital citizenship among students.

For purposes of this policy, “personal electronic devices” include any privately-owned portable technology device, including but not limited to cell phones, a smart or electronic watch, tablets, laptops, Chromebooks, virtual reality devices, wireless earbuds/earphones, cameras, audio and/or video recorders and players, and any other hand-held electronic communication and data storage devices.

Students shall not use personal electronic devices as follows:

- Students in grades PreK – 8 are prohibited from using personal electronic devices on school premises during the designated school day. The school day includes but is not limited to instructional time, lunch periods, recess, school sponsored programs, events or activities, or any other time during the designated school day. All personal electronic devices shall be kept in designated areas and turned off.
- Students in grades 9 – 12 are prohibited from using personal electronic devices during instructional time throughout the designated school day. Instructional time includes but is not limited to class periods, passing periods, and school sponsored programs, events or activities during the designated school day. All personal electronic devices shall be kept in designated areas and turned off during instructional time. Personal electronic devices may be used during the lunch period; however, such use is discouraged.

It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that personal electronic devices are turned off and placed in designated areas during times when use is not authorized. Personal electronic devices (1) that produce any audible sound, a ring tone, or vibrating alert, whether through a speaker, earbuds/earphones, buzzer, or other means, or (2) that are displayed or in plain view at such times shall be deemed to be used in violation of this policy.

Regardless of the permitted uses or limitations placed on the use of personal electronic devices, the following conduct is prohibited:

1. To engage in, promote, or facilitate any conduct that otherwise violates the Code of Student Conduct or other Board policies or regulations, or state or federal law.
2. In any manner that causes or results in disruption of the educational environment or school sponsored extracurricular activities or events, or impairs or interferes with school or District operations;
3. To photograph or record the activities of other students or school personnel on District property or

4. Use of personal electronic devices in locker rooms, bathrooms, or other locations where the presence of such devices poses an unreasonable risk to the safety, welfare, or privacy of other persons, as determined by the building principal.
5. When their use is otherwise prohibited by this policy or by school rules. The principal may, at his or her discretion, establish and enforce additional rules for the use of personal electronic devices appropriate to individual campus needs. School officials are encouraged to set guidelines for the use of such devices during school trips and extracurricular activities.

Students may possess and use personal electronic devices during instructional time or when otherwise prohibited, under the following circumstances:

1. When specifically authorized under a current individual education plan (IEP), a Section 504 accommodation plan or a health care plan in force and effect regarding the student.
2. The use is necessary to respond to or report an emergency. For purposes of this policy, “emergency” shall mean an actual or imminent threat to the health or safety of students and/or school personnel, which may result in death, bodily injury, or property damage.
3. For instructional purposes in accordance with specific school procedures and under the direction of the school principal.

Students violating the policy shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension and expulsion. Personal electronic devices that are reasonably suspected of being used or possessed in violation of this Policy shall be subject to temporary confiscation by school authorities. Students shall be required to turn personal electronic devices over to any staff or other school official upon request. Students who refuse to surrender a personal electronic device upon request by a teacher or other school official shall be subject to disciplinary action. matter to law enforcement.

The District shall not be responsible for the loss, theft or destruction of personal electronic devices brought onto school or District property or while the student is attending District or school-sponsored activities or events.

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