

## **Students and Telecommunication Devices**

Students in possession of telecommunications devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, while on school property or while attending school-sponsored or school-related activities will observe the following conditions:

- A. Telecommunication devices will be turned on and operated only before and after the regular school day unless an emergency situation exists that involves imminent physical danger, or a school administrator authorizes the use of devices during other times such as lunch breaks or between class periods.
- B. Students will not use telecommunication devices in a manner that poses a threat to academic integrity, disrupts the learning environment, or violates the privacy rights of others;
- C. Students will not send, share, view, or possess pictures, text messages, emails, or other material depicting sexually explicit conduct, as defined in [RCW 9.68A.011](#), in electronic or any other form on a cell phone or other electronic device, while the student is on school grounds, at school-sponsored events or on school buses or vehicles provided by the district;
- D. When a school official has reasonable suspicion, based on objective and articulable facts, that a student is using a telecommunications device in a manner that violates the law or school rules, the official may confiscate the device, which will only be returned to the student's parent or legal guardian. Law enforcement will be contacted if school officials have reasonable suspicion there may be a violation of the law;
- E. Students are responsible for devices they bring to school. The district will not be responsible for loss, theft or destruction of devices brought onto school property or to school-sponsored events;
- F. Students will comply with any additional rules developed by the school concerning the appropriate use of telecommunication or other electronic devices; and
- G. Students who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action.

Cross References:

- 4310 - District Relationships with Law Enforcement and other Government Agencies
- 3241 - Student Discipline
- 3207 - Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying
- 2022 - Electronic Resources and Internet Safety

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   2010 - October Issue  
   2010 - June Issue  
   Policy News, February 2004 Evolution of Cell Phone Use

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