

Student Use of Personal Telecommunication Devices**POSSESSION AND USE**

~~Telecommunication devices. While on school property or while attending school-sponsored or school-related activities, whether on or off school property, students shall be permitted to possess and use personal telecommunications devices as defined by law¹ and other electronic devices, provided they observe the following conditions:~~

1. ~~Devices shall not be used in a manner that disrupts the educational process, including, but not limited to, use that:~~
 - a. Poses a threat to academic integrity, such as cheating;
 - b. Violates confidentiality or privacy rights of another individual. This includes, but is not limited to, taking photographs, video, or audio recordings of others without the permission of the Principal/designee and the affected individual(s). An exception may be made for events considered to be in the public arena (e.g. sporting events, academic competitions, or performances to which the general public is admitted) where the activity does not materially disrupt the event, prevent others from observing the event, or otherwise violate legal rights. School social events for students, activities sponsored by student clubs, and activities during the school day that are not open to the public are not considered to be in the public arena;
 - c. Is profane, indecent, or obscene;
 - d. Constitutes or promotes illegal activity or activity in violation of school rules; or
 - e. Constitutes or promotes sending, sharing, or possessing sexually explicit messages, photographs, or images using any electronic device.

These restrictions shall not be interpreted to prohibit material protected under the state or federal constitutions where such material does not otherwise materially or substantially disrupt the education process or intrude upon the rights of others.

~~The unauthorized use of any type of telecommunication device by a student on school grounds during regular school hours is prohibited. Authorization to use telecommunication devices may be granted only in emergency situations and must be granted by the Principal or his/her designee. Each school is required to provide students with access to regular telephones for emergency use.~~

2. ~~Unless an emergency situation exists that involves imminent physical danger or a certified employee authorizes students to use devices for instructional purposes, such devices shall be turned on and operated only before and after the regular school day, during a designated class break, and during the student's lunch break.~~
3. ~~When students violateing prohibitions of this policy, they shall be subject to disciplinary action. In addition, an administrator shall confiscate the telecommunication device, which shall only be returned to the student's including losing the privilege of bringing the device onto school property and being reported to their parent/guardian. A violation also may result in a report being made to law enforcement. Individual school councils shall establish timelines for return to be executed by the Principal/designee. In addition, an administrator may confiscate the device, which shall only be returned to the student's parent/guardian.~~

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Student Use of Personal Telecommunication Devices**POSSESSION AND USE (CONTINUED)**

~~Students may bring telecommunication devices to after school extracurricular activities and may use the devices only if they have permission from the Board employee in charge of the event.~~

- ~~4. Students are responsible for keeping up with telecommunication devices they bring to school activities. The District shall not be responsible for loss, theft, or destruction of telecommunication devices that students bring to brought onto school activities property.~~
- ~~5. Students shall comply with any additional rules developed by the school concerning appropriate use of telecommunication or other electronic devices.~~
- ~~6. Students shall not utilize a telecommunication or similar electronic device in a manner that would violate the District's Acceptable Use policy or procedures or its Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline. A violation also may result in a report being made to law enforcement.~~

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NOTICE OF POLICY

~~Notice of this policy and penalties for violating it shall be published annually in the District's Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline.~~

REFERENCES:

KRS 158.165; KRS 525.080

RELATED POLICIES:

08.2323; 09.426; 09.436; 09.438