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Policy No. 3245
Student

Students and Telecommunication Devices

Students in possession of telecommunications devices and other related electronic devices shall observe the following conditions:

- A. All personal electronic devices (cell phones, watches, personal laptops, earbuds, etc.) are only permitted as part of the instructional activity and at the discretion of the teacher and/ or other school staff.
- 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;
- E. By bringing a cell phone and other electronic devices to school or school sponsored events, the student and parent/guardian consent to the search of the device when school officials have a reasonable suspicion, based on objective and articulable facts, that such a search will reveal a violation of the law or school rules. The scope of the search will be limited to the violation of which the student is accused. Content or images that violate state or federal laws will be referred to law enforcement;
- F. Students are responsible for devices they bring to school. The district shall not be responsible for loss, theft or destruction of devices brought onto school property or to school-sponsored events.
- G. Students will comply with any additional rules develop by the school concerning the appropriate use of telecommunication or other electronic devices; and
- H. 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 of
Students
2022 - Electronic Resources and Internet Safety

Management Resources: 2019 - October Policy Issue
2010 - October Issue
2010 - June Issue
Policy News, February 2004 Evolution of Cell Phone Use

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