

RULES FOR STUDENT USE OF CELLULAR TELEPHONES

1. Students are prohibited from using privately owned cellular telephones (cell phones), electric watches and other communication devices during the school day, with the exception of the lunch period and recess.
2. Cell phones are never to be taken to the bathrooms.
3. Family members experiencing an emergency can contact the school by phone and the student will be given the opportunity to either speak to the family member on the school phone or on their cell phone in the front office.
4. Students may use their cell phones on field trips and during extracurricular activities only if authorized by the staff member in charge.
5. The use of cameras on cellphones is strictly prohibited in locker rooms, restrooms and classrooms. In other locations where students are allowed to use electronic devices, students are required to obtain permission before taking a photograph or video of any individual. Students must also obtain permission from any individual appearing in a photograph or video prior to posting the picture on any social networking site or other Internet site.
6. Any use of cellular telephones that violates any Board policy/ procedure or school rule is strictly prohibited. In addition, accessing, viewing, posting, forwarding, downloading or displaying any material that is defamatory, abusive obscene, vulgar, sexually explicit, sexually suggestive, threatening, discriminatory, harassing, bullying and/or illegal is prohibited.
7. Student cellular telephones and other electronic devices may be subject to search if there is reasonable suspicion that a student is violating Board policies/procedures and/or school rules. A building administrator may maintain possession of an electronic device as long as is reasonably necessary for evidentiary purposes.
8. A student violating these rules will be given a warning for first offense with the phone immediately confiscated for the day. A second violation will result in a suspension from school of one day and the student will be prohibited from possession of a cell phone in school for the rest of the school year.
9. Evidence of illegal activities involving electronic devices will be referred to appropriate law enforcement authorities and a building administrator may give a device to law enforcement authorities upon request.

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