

R 5516 USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES

The following provisions govern student use of electronic communication devices on school grounds.

A. Use of Electronic Communication Devices

1. Students are prohibited from using an electronic communication device anywhere on school grounds during the school day.
2. Under no circumstances is a student permitted to use an electronic communication device to communicate or take videos or photographs in a restroom, locker room, shower area, or any other area where any person is removing or changing cloths and/or in any other area or location where a person has a reasonable expectation of privacy. Student use of an electronic communication device for communicating or recording is also subject to the provisions of Policy 5516 and this Regulation.
3. Students are encouraged not to bring electronic communication devices to school. If a student chooses to bring an electronic communication device(s) to school, the device(s) shall be turned off by the student and passcode protected to prevent any unauthorized use of the device. The electronic communication device shall remain in the student's backpack/book bag or locker during the school day when its use is not authorized in accordance with Policy 5516 and this Regulation.

A classroom or other instructional space may have a designated location where students are required to turn off, ensure the electronic communication device is passcode protected, and store the electronic communication device until the student leaves the classroom or other instructional space.

4. If a student brings an electronic communication device to school, the student assumes the risk of damage, theft, or loss of the electronic communication device. The school district is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged devices.
5. A student may only use their personal electronic communication device during the school day with the permission of a school staff member supervising the specific activity that is to be recorded. Any



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audio/video recording by a student using their personal electronic communication device with permission of a school staff member while participating in a curricular or school-sponsored activity where other students or staff members are present shall require the permission for such recording from any other student and their parent(s) and/or staff members whose voice or image is to be recorded. A student authorized or approved to use their personal electronic communication device may not use their device to access internet sites or view information on internet-based material that is inappropriate or would be blocked from student access by the school district's acceptable use of computers and networks policy.

6. If a student needs to be in contact with their parent(s) during a time the student is not permitted to use an electronic device, the student shall request permission from a teaching staff member to go to the main office to use the school phone. If a parent(s) needs to be in contact with their student for an emergency, the parent(s) shall contact the main office.

B. Discipline

In the event that the unauthorized use of an electronic device by a student has occurred during the school day, the student will be subject to disciplinary measures in accordance with district Policy and Regulation 5600 – Student Discipline/Code of Conduct.

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