

Policy 5151.1: Electronic Devices

Cell Phones, Personal Listening Devices and other Electronic Media Devices

With administrative permission, students may use personal devices such as a mobile phones, laptops, or other electronic communications device on school grounds as per administrative guidelines.

Right to Search: Under the provisions of this Policy, parents or guardians who allow students to use personal technology, and students who elect to use personal technology, do so knowing that it diminishes any expectation of privacy with regard to the personal technology. The school may search privately-owned, personal technology if there is a reasonable suspicion that a student has violated the school's policies, agreements, rules, or directives while using the personal technology.

Such devices if brought to school are to be used primarily for academic purposes and at the discretion of the classroom teacher and administrators.

Personal use of such devices will be limited to student free time and such use is at the discretion of the administrator and/or classroom teacher.

Staff guidelines for the confiscation of school or personal devices:

1. The device is audibly, visibly, or in other ways disrupting the educational process.
2. The student is using the device in an inappropriate or disruptive way.
3. The student is using the device during class to engage in activities which are not authorized by the instructor.

Student response to confiscation:

1. Without the loss of instructional time or focus, the student will quietly hand over to any school employee the phone/device as indicated. Failure to comply with the request will be considered willful disobedience and consequences will follow handbook guidelines.
2. A student wishing to appeal may address the principal during non-instructional time.

Parental notification / responsibilities:

1. Notification that the phone/device was being used (or was visible) in violation of this policy to the parent/guardian will be the responsibility of the student.
2. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen cell phones/devices, nor will we spend time investigating these issues. It will be the responsibility of the student or parent to turn the matter over to the local police department and any investigation by the police will be done outside the school day to avoid the interruption of instructional time. Students bring these items to school at their own risk.

Consequences for violating Electronic Device Policy for inappropriate use will be confiscation of device and returned at the end of the day, unless the inappropriate use violates the student code of conduct in which the student code of conduct may supersede the Electronic Device Policy.

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