

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES

Board Policy section 4.30.1

The Board of Education authorizes the administration to implement procedures that allow students to possess electronic communication devices (e.g., cellular telephones, **camera telephones**, pagers) in a restricted and regulated manner, while on school property. Such devices shall not be used for or associated with any unlawful activities. Violation of this policy **and its procedures** will subject the student to disciplinary consequences.

PROCEDURES

I. Use of Electronic Communication Devices

Student possession and use of electronic communication devices must conform to the following restrictions:

- o Electronic Communication Devices shall mean cellular telephones, camera telephones, pagers, radios, and similar devices.
- o During the regularly scheduled school day, electronic communication devices must be stored in a student's locker in the "off" mode. Note exception: students are permitted to retrieve electronic communication devices from their lockers for purposes of using them **off campus** during their lunch periods.
- o For purposes of these procedures, the "regularly scheduled school day" shall begin the moment an individual student arrives on school grounds during a day that students are in attendance for instructional purposes. The "regularly scheduled school day" ends when the last class of the day has ended for all students.
- o Electronic communication devices shall not be used for or associated with unlawful purposes.
- o Using a cellular telephone, personal digital assistant (PDA) or any other electronic communication device capable of taking and/or transmitting digital photographic images to take and/or transmit pictures of an individual without his or her consent anywhere on school premises or any other location during a school-related activity is considered an invasion of privacy and is not permitted without the express permission of the building principal.
- o Students shall be personally responsible for the security of their electronic communication devices. The District assumes no responsibility for theft, loss, or damage of such devices.

II. Violations

Students who fail to abide by the policy and regulations regarding use and possession of electronic communication devices shall be subject to disciplinary action as set forth below:

- o Upon the first offense, the student's electronic device will be confiscated, stored in the main or dean's office, and returned to the student or his/her parent/guardian at the end of the school day. Alternative disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, suspension, may be imposed in response to a first violation of these procedures when deemed necessary by the administration based on the circumstances surrounding the offense.
- o Any further offenses will result in the student's loss of privileges to bring electronic communication devices for a designated length of time or on a permanent basis and/or up to three days out-of-school suspension. Students may also be subject to other disciplinary consequences,

including, but not limited to, detention, suspension up to ten days and/or expulsion when deemed necessary by the administration based on the circumstances surrounding the offense.

o Students using electronic devices for unlawful purposes will be disciplined according to the District's standard discipline policy and/or referred to law enforcement where appropriate.