

Greater Albany SD 8J
Board Policy

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Personal Communication Devices

Principals may permit grade appropriate student use and possession of personal communication devices on district grounds subject to the following:

1. Personal communication devices shall not be used in a manner that disrupts the educational process, school programs or activities, or in a manner that violates law, Board policy, administrative regulation or school rules;
2. Unless as authorized in advance by the building principal or designee for health or safety reasons, or in the event of an emergency situation that involves imminent physical danger, devices shall be turned on and operated only before and after the regular school day. Personal communication devices may be used during the student's lunch break. They may not be used at any time in the proximity of any class, school activity or event that may be in session or in progress during those times;
3. At no time will any personal communication device which allows for a wireless, unfiltered connection to the Internet be allowed to be used for such purposes while on district property or while the student is engaged in school-sponsored activities;
4. Cellular telephones which have the capability to take still or motion images shall not be used for such purposes while on district property or at school-sponsored events unless as expressly authorized in advance by the building principal or designee;
5. The district shall not be responsible for loss, theft or damage to personal communication devices brought to district property or school-sponsored events;
6. Personal communication devices must not be displayed in plain view during prohibited times of use;
7. Personal communication devices such as Palm Pilots, personal digital assistants (PDAs) and laptop computers, may be used as electronic study aids during the school day if provided as a part of a student's individualized education plan (IEP), or if permission is received from the student's teacher;
8. The use of personal communication devices in any way to send or receive messages, data or information that would pose a threat to academic integrity, contribute to or constitute academic dishonesty is strictly prohibited;
9. The use of personal communication devices in any manner that would violate the confidentiality or privacy rights of another individual is strictly prohibited;

10. Students shall comply with any additional school rules as established by the building principal and classroom rules as approved by the building principal concerning the appropriate use of personal communication devices;
11. Personal communication devices used in violation of law, Board policy, administrative regulation or approved school rules will be confiscated, turned in to the school office and returned to the student or parent/guardian¹ following parent notification, conference, detention, suspension, expulsion and/or referral to law enforcement officials as appropriate.

¹As used in this document, the term parent includes legal guardian or person in a parental relationship. The status and duties of a legal guardian are defined in ORS 125.005 (4) and 125.300-125.325. The determination of whether an individual is acting in a parental relationship, for purposes of determining residency, depends on the evaluation of the factors listed in ORS 419B.373. The determination for other purposes depends on evaluation of those factors and a power of attorney executed pursuant to ORS 109.056. For special education students, parent also includes a surrogate parent, an adult student to whom rights have transferred and foster parent as defined in OAR 581-015-0005(18).