

Student Use of Personal Communication Devices

Students may use and possess personal communication devices (PCDs) on district grounds subject to the following:

1. PCDs 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 authorized in advance by the 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. PCDs may be used during the student's lunch break and passing time if allowed by individual school guidelines;
3. PCDs which have the capability to capture images or video shall not be used for such purposes while on district property during the school day unless as expressly authorized in advance by the principal or designee;
4. The district shall not be responsible for loss, theft or damage to PCDs brought to district property or school-sponsored events;
5. PCDs must not be displayed in plain view during prohibited times of use;
6. PCDs and mobile computers may be used as electronic study aids during the school day if provided as a part of a student's individualized education plan and if permission is received from the school's principal;
7. The use of PCDs 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;
8. The use of PCDs in any manner that would violate the confidentiality or privacy rights of another individual is strictly prohibited;
9. The capturing, disseminating, transferring, or sharing of obscene, pornographic, or otherwise illegal images or photographs, whether by electronic data transfer or otherwise (commonly referred to as texting, sexting, emailing, etc.) may constitute a crime under state and federal law. Any person taking, disseminating, transferring, or sharing obscene, pornographic, or otherwise illegal images or photographs will be reported to law enforcement and/or other appropriate state or federal agencies;

10. Students shall comply with any additional school rules as established by the principal and classroom rules, as approved by the school's principal, concerning the appropriate use of PCDs;
11. PCDs used in violation of law, Board policy, administrative regulation or approved school rules shall be confiscated. Return of a PCD is not guaranteed if confiscated or otherwise transferred to law enforcement agencies.