

## **USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

**JICJ-R**

Students who fail to follow the rules within this regulation governing the use of electronic communication devices, including cell phones, will be subject to disciplinary consequences, as appropriate.

### I. School Buses

1. The use of electronic communication (e.g., cell phones, etc.) devices on school buses has the potential to jeopardize the safe operation of the school buses and/or infringe on the rights of others.
2. If a student is seen using or displaying an electronic communication device, he/she will receive a referral from the bus driver and be subject to disciplinary action by building administration.
3. The principal and/or his/her designee is authorized to confiscate an electronic communication device that has been displayed or used on a school bus if he/she deems it to be an appropriate course of action.

### II. Middle School

1. Electronic communication (e.g., cell phones) devices are not to be used to disrupt the educational process or to infringe upon the rights of others.
2. The use of electronic communication devices shall be limited to the time before the school day begins in the morning and after the school day ends. At the middle school, this shall mean bell to bell.
3. During the school day, electronic devices should be powered off and not displayed. It should be understood, that while students may be able to maintain electronic devices on their person, or in a book bag, the device should be out of site, be powered off, and not emit any sound between the aforementioned times.
4. As per Board Policy JICJ, the Superintendent or his designee may approve pilot programs at the middle school in order to expand the use of technology for educational purposes. However, disciplinary consequences may still be administered to any student who violates any of the conditions stated in this section.

### III. High School

1. Electronic communication (e.g., cell phones) are not to be used to disrupt the educational process or to infringe upon the rights of others.
2. As per Board Policy JICJ, the Superintendent or his designee may approve pilot programs at the high school in order to expand the use of technology for educational purposes. However, disciplinary consequences may still be administered to any student who violates any of the conditions stated in this section.
3. Any approved program at the high school which expands the use of technology for educational purposes will be monitored and revised as needed.

#### IV. Elementary Schools

1. Electronic communication (e.g., cell phones) are not to be used to disrupt the educational process or to infringe upon the rights of others.
2. During the school day, electronic devices should be powered off and not displayed. It should be understood, that while students may be able to maintain electronic devices on their person, or in a book bag, the device should be out of site, be powered off, and not emit any sound between during the school day.

#### V. Consequences for Unauthorized or Inappropriate Use

1. If an electronic communication device is seen or heard during unauthorized times within school, the student could receive a disciplinary referral and be subject to disciplinary action by the administration of the building.
2. While discretion may be used by administrators when considering consequences for a first offense, subsequent infractions may result in suspension of the student. At the elementary level, additional infractions could result in an in-school suspension which should increase by one day with each offense. At the secondary level, suspensions for additional infractions could result in out of school suspension increasing by one day with each offense. At all levels, the electronic communications device should be confiscated at the second offense and a parent conference should be scheduled by the administrator.
3. Depending on the nature of the offense, recording students and staff with an electronic communications device could result in suspension and referral to a police agency for appropriate action.

#### VI. Liability for lost, damaged, or stolen electronic communication devices.

1. Students are responsible for securing personal electronic communication devices since they are not required for educational purposes. The District shall not be liable for lost, damaged, or stolen personal devices. Additionally, building administrators and the School Resource Officer (SRO) shall not be required to investigate alleged thefts or seek restitution for damaged devices.

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