

**SAN LORENZO  
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS**

**Student**

AR 5131.2 (a)

**ELECTRONIC SIGNALING DEVICES**

Definition: Electronic signaling devices operate through the transmission or receipt of radio waves, and include but not limited to: tablets, smart phones, cellular/digital telephones, pagers, hand-held radios, personal data assistants (PDA), laptop computers with cellular/wireless phone capability, and any new technology developed for similar purposes.

**A. Possession of Electronic Signaling Devices**

Students may possess electronic signaling devices, provided such devices are not used at any unauthorized time, as set forth in section B of these Administrative Regulations.

**B. Use of Electronic Signaling Devices**

No student shall be prohibited from possessing or using an electronic signaling device that is determined by a licensed physician or surgeon to be essential for the student's health and the use of which is limited to health-related purposes. (Education Code 48901.5)

Students may possess or use on school campus electronic signaling devices solely for academic purposes as directed by school staff members, otherwise such devices will be turned off from the first bell until dismissal (end of school day). Personal electronic signaling devices include, but are not limited to, tablets, smart phones, pagers and cellular/digital telephones, as well as other mobile communications devices including but not limited to, digital media players, personal digital assistants (PDAs), compact disc players, portable game consoles, cameras, digital scanners, and laptop computers. The use of such devices shall not disrupt the educational program or school activity and shall not be used for illegal or unethical activities such as cheating on assignments or tests or accessing inappropriate sites. All use of electronic signaling devices is subject to regulation by school officials.

If a disruption occurs or a student uses any mobile communications device for improper activities, a school employee shall direct the student to turn off the device and shall confiscate it and turn it in to the school office.

A school official may conduct a limited search of a student's mobile communications device only if a student has engaged in conduct that causes an administrator to have reasonable suspicion that the student has committed, or is about to commit, a crime or has violated applicable laws or board policy, administrative regulations, or other rules of the District or the school, and that there is reasonable cause to believe that a search of the student's mobile communications device will uncover evidence of the violation. Any search of a student's mobile communication device must be of a scope and nature that is limited to uncovering that evidence.

**ELECTRONIC SIGNALING DEVICES** (continued)

Students under 18 years of age shall not use mobile communications devices, even in hands-free mode, while driving on school grounds or to and from a school-related activity.

A student who violates this policy may be prohibited from possessing a mobile communications device at school or school-related events and/or may be subject to further discipline in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation.

**C. Liability**

Electronic signaling devices brought to school by students will be done so at their own risk. The District will not be responsible or liable for the loss of or damage to an electronic signaling device or for the unauthorized use of any such device, regardless of whether the device is in the possession of a student or a school official upon confiscation.

**C. Enforcement Parameters**

1. Electronic signaling devices that are used in violation of this Administrative Regulation may be confiscated by school personnel and either returned at the end of the class period or school day or held until school personnel have consulted with a parent/guardian. After a second offense, the student may no longer be allowed to possess an electronic signaling device during the official instructional day for the remainder of the school year, except as required for health purposes pursuant to section D of these Administrative Regulations.
2. Refusal to submit an electronic signaling device upon request from school personnel will result in disciplinary action.
3. Use of an electronic signaling device in violation of this Administrative Regulation may result in appropriate disciplinary action as determined by the administrator/staff designee.

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