Crosby-Ironton Schools
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597 STUDENT USE OF CELLULAR PHONES AND OTHER PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to set forth expectations for appropriate use of existing and emerging technologies which students may possess, including but not limited to cellular phones, Ipads, Ipods, MP3s, and other personal electronic devices capable of transmitting data or images.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The Crosby-Ironton School District holds high expectations for student behavior, academic integrity and responsible use of technology. Students who possess and/or use devices at school, on school buses or at school sponsored events shall demonstrate the greatest respect for the educational environment and the rights and privacy of all individuals within the school community. State laws provide employees and students with certain privacy rights. Students' actions during the school day are considered private under state and federal laws and shall not be recorded or shared without consent of the individual.

III. STANDARDS FOR RESPONSIBLE USE AT SCHOOL

Students may use their electronic devices (cell phones, iPads, mpg players, etc.) in the hallways, locker bays, and commons area before school, during lunch, after school and between classes. Students are not allowed to use these devices during the time that class is in session. It is the expectation of the school that students place their cell phones in a designated location within the classroom that has been determined by the classroom teacher. Students must turn their phones off or to "mute" and not use it while in the classroom or if they are attending a special event such as coronation, pepfest, etc.

Unless a teacher directs a student to do so for a class assignment/project, cell phones or other devices must not be used to record still or video images and/or audio content of any person anywhere in the school. Recording of video or audio of anyone is always prohibited in the bathroom or locker rooms.

When a student is in the principal's office, the student's cell phone may be confiscated during the school day, until the principal determines a time when the cell phone can be returned to the student or the parent.

IV. PROHIBITED/UNAUTHORIZED USE AT SCHOOL

1. Sending or receiving text messages.
2. Making or receiving calls (phone rings in class).
3. Playing games.
4. Recording video or audio of any person without his/her permission, or of any person ever in a bathroom/locker room, or of any disturbance in school.

V. VIOLATIONS OF THIS POLICY:

Students who violate this policy will be subject to the following disciplinary action:

1. Behavior report sent home and parents called. The device is locked up in the office for ~~24 hours~~ the remainder of the school day or the student will be suspended out of school (OSS) for a minimum of one full day.

2. Behavior Report is sent home and parents called. The device is locked up in the office for three (3) school days. Students will drop off their cell at the office the beginning of the school day and pick it up at the end of the school day and the student will serve two lunch detentions or the student will be suspended out of school (OSS) for a minimum of two full days of school.

3. Behavior Report sent home and parents called. The device is locked up for four (4) school days. Students will drop off their cell at the office the beginning of the school day and pick it up at the end of the school day and the student will serve one day of in-school suspension (ISS) or the student will be suspended out of school (OSS) for a minimum of three (3) full days.

4. Behavior Report is sent home and parents are called. The administration will determine appropriate consequences for this step and any other subsequent unauthorized use of electronic devices including suspension, exclusion, or expulsion.

Severe Clauses:

A. If any electronic device is used that is not authorized by a teacher during a test or other classroom work, or the student has used the device to cheat on any work, the student will receive a zero on the work. If this "electronic cheating" occurs during a "College in the Schools" course (CIS), the student may be dropped from the college portion of the course and a grade of "W" or "F" would be entered on the college transcript. In addition to any classroom consequences, the student may also be subject to other disciplinary consequences from the administration.

B. If a student uses his/her cell phone or other recording device to take unauthorized video/and or audio or still pictures in a classroom, hallway, etc., or any time in a bathroom/locker room, or of any disturbance at school, or the device has been used to bully or harass student(s), the offending student may be subject to ISS and/or OSS for a length of time to be determined by the administration. Law enforcement officials will also be notified. The cell phone or recording device will be returned to the owner after the investigation is complete.

VI. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER DISTRICT POLICIES

Use of cellular phones or other personal electronic devices must not violate any other District policies, including those regarding student privacy, copyright, cheating, plagiarism, civility, student code of conduct, electronic technologies acceptable use, or harassment. If a violation occurs involving more than one District policy, consequences for each policy may apply.

VII. DISSEMINATION OF POLICY

This policy shall be included in the Student/Parent Handbook, posted on the District website and otherwise distributed upon request.