

## **PERSONALLY OWNED TELECOMMUNICATION AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Preserving a beneficial learning environment and assuring the safety and well-being of all students are primary concerns of the Board of Directors. Students in possession of telecommunications devices, including, but not limited to cellphones, smartwatches, non-medical listening devices, and headsets, while on school property or while attending school-sponsored or school-related activities will observe the following conditions:

- A. Telecommunication devices will be accessed and operated only before and after the regular school day, unless an emergency situation exists unless a school administrator authorizes the student to use the device, or the use of a device is prescribed for a student with disabilities in an individualized education plan (IEP) or 504 accommodation.
- B. There will be 1 exception, for students in grades 9-12, where those students can utilize personal telecommunication devices during lunch hours.
- C. Students will not use telecommunication devices in a manner that poses a threat to academic integrity, disrupts the learning environment, or violates the privacy rights of others.
- D. Students will not send, share, view, or possess pictures, text messages, emails or other material depicting sexually explicit conduct, as defined in RCW 9.68A.011, in electronic or any other form on a cell phone or other electronic device, while the student is on school grounds, at school-sponsored events or on school buses or vehicles provided by the district.
- E. When a school official has reasonable suspicion, based on objective and articulable facts, that a student is using a telecommunications device in a manner that violates the law or school rules, the official may confiscate the device, which will only be returned to the student's parent or legal guardian.
- F. By bringing a cell phone or other electronic device to school or school-sponsored events, the student and their parent/guardian consent to the search of the device when school officials have a reasonable suspicion, based on objective and articulable facts, that such a search will reveal a violation of the law or school rules. The scope of the search will be limited to the violation of which the student is accused. Content or images that violate state or federal laws will be referred to law enforcement.
- G. Students are responsible for devices they bring to school. The district shall not be responsible for loss, theft, or destruction of devices brought onto school property or to school sponsored events.
- H. Students will comply with any additional rules developed by the school concerning the appropriate use of telecommunication or other electronic devices; and
- I. Students who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action.

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