2025-2026 WVSD Students and Telecommunication Devices (Cell Phone) Board Policy 3245

Students are encouraged not to bring telecommunication devices to school as they tend to cause a distraction to both the student and the classroom.

Students in possession of telecommunications devices, including, but not limited to, pagers, beepers and cellular phones, while on school property or while attending school-sponsored or school-related activities will observe the following conditions:

1. Personal telecommunication devices will not be used by students during the academic school day. Telecommunication devices will be turned on and operated only before and after the regular school day, unless an emergency situation exists that involves imminent physical danger, or a school administrator authorizes the student to use the device;

2. 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.

3. 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;

4. 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;

5. By bringing a cell phone or other electronic devices 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;

6. Students are responsible for devices they bring to school. The district will not be responsible for loss, theft or destruction of devices brought onto school property or to school sponsored events;

7. Students will comply with any additional rules developed by the school concerning the appropriate use of telecommunication or other electronic devices; and

8. Students who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action.

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I understand and agree to abide by school board policy 3245. I understand that a violation of this policy may result in losing the privilege to bring the device(s) to school for a length of time commensurate with the nature of the violation.

Parent/Guardian Name: (Print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____

Email:_____

Student Name: (Print) _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____