

CLASS INTERRUPTIONS/CELL PHONES & PORTABLE DIGITAL MEDIA DEVICES

Students knocking at the door and calling for students in class must not interrupt classes in session. Only in case of emergency will this be permitted and then only by the permission from the principal. The use of the school phone should be for emergencies only.

Students may possess cellular phones and portable digital media devices on school property, while in a school owned vehicle and while students are attending or part of school sponsored activities with limitations and disciplinary actions set forth in this policy.

Students found to have violated this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action, which may include confiscation of the device. The Board acknowledges that certain violations of this policy pose severe risks to academic integrity or student safety. Students found in severe violation of this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion. Severe violations of this policy involve highly inappropriate activities including, but not limited to:

- a. Electronic communication that contains inappropriate content, profanity, intimidation, cyber bullying or threats to others;
- b. Academic dishonesty or cheating;
- c. The use of camera or recording features of the devices in restrooms, locker rooms, classrooms or for any use constituting an invasion of any person's reasonable expectation of privacy;
- d. Communicating in any way with outside groups or individuals to participate in violent acts or other inappropriate or unlawful activities on school property or at school sponsored activities;
- e. Electronic devices that are utilizing hot spots for other devices to bypass District filters;
- f. Refusal to relinquish phone to persons of authority upon request.

This policy shall not be interpreted to justify unreasonable searches of devices by school personnel. Any search of a student's device by school personnel shall be:

- a. Justified and based on reasonable grounds that the search would reveal evidence of a student's violation of policy;
- b. May be conducted in accordance with district policy and in the presence of a student's parent or guardian.
- c. Full disclosure and law enforcement may be contacted.

As necessary for the implementation of this policy, the superintendent, principals and teachers may establish regulations, consistent with this policy, further limiting or prohibiting the possession and use of devices in their areas and or classrooms.

The District assumes no responsibility for loss, damage or theft of cellular phones and digital media devices, whether in the possession of students, on school property or if confiscated by school personnel pursuant to this policy.