

STUDENTS

Policy 2656

Discipline

Student Cell Phone Usage

Developments in cell phone technology in recent years have resulted in enhanced communication opportunities. However, the use of cell phones in schools poses increasing risks of school disruptions, bullying, criminal activity, and academic dishonesty. As a result, student cell phones, digital cameras and similar electronic devices are banned during the day, as well as, in dressing areas during extracurricular activities.

Violation of this policy will result in disciplinary actions ranging from:..Principal/Student conference, detention, in-school suspension, 1-180 days out-of-school suspension, or expulsion.

However, such electronic devices may be used in serious, unexpected and dangerous situations that require immediate action. Such emergency situations include but are not limited to:

1. An active fire
2. An active tornado or earthquake
3. An active shooter
4. An evacuation of school premises
5. Any other serious, unexpected and dangerous situations that require immediate action
6. Any situation identified in School Board Policy as an emergency

In addition, exceptions include situations when a student is directed to use such a device by a District employee or volunteer for instructional purposes. Exceptions will also be made when use of such electronic devices is provided or required by:

1. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
2. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
3. An individualized emergency health care plan as provided by Missouri statute
4. Rehabilitation Act of 1983 (Section 504)
5. Civil Rights Act of 1973 (Title VII)
6. Equal Education Opportunities Act

Immunity

School employees and volunteers are immune from liability provided that they are acting in good faith and are adhering to this Policy's disciplinary procedures.

Definition

For the purposes of this Policy, the following definitions apply:

Electronic Personal Communication Devices means portable devices used to initiate, receive, store, or view communications, information, images, or data electronically.

This Policy will be published on the District's website.

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