

Electronic Device Policy Revision

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Revised Language

Electronic Devices - The use of electronic devices and other technology at school is a privilege, not a right. Students are prohibited from using electronic devices, except as provided herein. An electronic device includes but is not limited to the following: cell phone, smart watch, headphones, tablet, audio/video recording device, laptop computer or similar devices. During instructional time, electronic devices must be kept powered-off and in the students locker or storage pouch in the classroom unless: permission is granted by an administrator or teacher, use of the device is outlined in a student's IEP/504 plan or in the case of an emergency that threatens the safety of students, staff or other individuals. Students are allowed to use electronic devices during non-instructional time, which is defined as before and after school, between designated class times, and during the student's lunch period. Electronic devices may never be used in prohibited areas or in any manner that disrupts the educational environment, violates student conduct rules or violates the rights of others. This includes, but is not limited to, the following: using the device to take pictures/videos in locker rooms or bathrooms; cheating; creating, sending, sharing, viewing, receiving, or possessing an indecent visual depiction or dissemination of private sexual images; taking non-consensual pictures/videos; using the device to post threatening/harassing images/messages to social media. Consequences for electronic devices that have not been powered off and stored in the classroom pouch and are seen by a teacher/administration are outlined below.

1st Offense - The device(s) will be confiscated by the teacher and will be taken to the office for the student to pick up at the end of the school day.

2nd Offense - The confiscated devices(s) will be kept in the office until it is picked up by a parent/guardian during regular office hours. The student will also serve 3 lunch detentions.

3rd and Additional Offense - The student will lose all device privileges at school for 1 week (device(s) will be turned into the office upon student arrival), will serve 5 lunch detentions and will not be eligible for Homeroom early release for 2 weeks.

Students who refuse to surrender their device(s) to a teacher will be written up for insubordination, removed from class and sent to the office where they will surrender their device(s) to administration. Students who refuse to surrender

their device(s) to administration will be written up for gross insubordination, will be suspended from school for 1 day and will lose all device privileges for an extended period of time (at the discretion of the administration).