

The Board of Education recognizes that there are personal electronic devices that have educational applications. These devices shall be allowed to be used in classrooms only when they are included as part of a lesson under the direction of a teacher.

The Board acknowledges that personal electronic devices can be a positive means to facilitate communication; however, the display and/or use of such devices can cause disruption to the educational process.

Therefore, to prevent such disruption, the display and/or use by students of electronic devices shall be prohibited from the time of the first bell at the middle school (elementary - at the start of the school day), until the end of the regular school day. Such devices must be turned off and stored out of sight during this time period. The exceptions to this will apply to the middle school, where personal electronic devices will be allowed in the lunch rooms only during a student's lunch period; and at the high school, where personal devices will be allowed during the passing of classes and in the lunchroom during a student's lunch period.

The district is not responsible for stolen, lost or damaged personal electronic devices.

Use of personal electronic devices by employees is prohibited in the presence of students, except when used to facilitate their job responsibilities.

In emergency situations, exceptions to this prohibition of the use of devices may be granted by teachers or administrators.

Misuse of any of these electronic devices will result in its confiscation as outlined by building administrative discipline policy. Some uses of personal electronic devices constitute violation of the school district code of conduct and in some instances, the law. The school district will cooperate with law enforcement officials as appropriate.

Electronic Devices and Testing

In order to ensure the integrity of testing, in accordance with state guidelines, students are not allowed to bring cell phones or other electronic devices into classrooms or other exam locations during testing. The exception to this policy is if a teacher gives specific permission for a cell phone or other electronic device to be used during a classroom, non-state assessment.

Test proctors, monitors and school officials shall have the right to collect cell phones and other prohibited electronic devices prior to the start of the test and to hold them for the duration of the test-taking time. Admission to the test will be prohibited to any student who has a cell phone or other electronic device in their possession and does not relinquish it.

Students with individualized education plans (IEPs), 504 Plans, or documentation from a medical practitioner that specifically requires the use of an electronic device may do so as specified.