

Personal Telecommunications/Electronic Devices

The district permits students to possess personal cell phones for safety purposes; however, these devices must remain turned off during the instructional day, including during all testing, unless they are being used for approved instructional purposes.

A student must have approval to possess other personal telecommunications devices such as laptops, tablets, or other portable computers. Students are not permitted to possess or use personal electronic devices at school unless prior permission has been obtained.

The use of cell phones or any device capable of capturing images is strictly prohibited in locker rooms or restroom areas while at school or at a school-related or school sponsored event.

Principals are authorized to address issues that are disruptive to the academic environment that may arise from the improper use of personal telecommunications devices and other electronic devices. Each campus shall develop student handbook provisions or guidelines addressing personal telecommunications devices and other electronic devices.

The campus student handbook shall provide that:

1. Authorized district employees may confiscate personal telecommunications devices or other electronic devices, including mobile telephones, used in violation of applicable campus rules.
2. No fee shall be charged for the release of a personal telecommunications device or other electronic device.
3. The student's parents shall be allowed to retrieve a confiscated device after receiving notification from the district. The student may be allowed to retrieve a confiscated device in accordance with campus student handbook provisions or guidelines.

If a personal telecommunications device or other electronic device is not retrieved, the district may dispose of the device. Personal telecommunications devices must be disposed of in accordance with FNCE(LEGAL). A student who violates this policy shall be subject to established disciplinary measures. Parents shall be notified within two school days after a personal telecommunications device is confiscated.