

WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE POLICY



What is a Wireless Communication Device (WCD)?

- Computers
- Tablets or iPads
- Electronic Readers
- Kindles
- Cell phones
- Smartphones
- Any headphones/earbuds
- Telephone Paging Devices
- Other web-enabled or bluetooth devices of any type

The School Board is aware that parents and students use wireless communication devices (WCDs) to communicate with each other. However, the use of wireless communication devices (WCDs) on school grounds must be appropriately regulated to protect students, staff, and the learning environment.

Possession of a WCD by a student at school during school hours and/or during extracurricular activities is a privilege that may be forfeited by any student who fails to abide by the terms of this policy, or otherwise abuses this privilege.

Students shall have no expectation of confidentiality with respect to their use of WCDs on school premises/property. School officials will not search or otherwise tamper with WCDs in district custody unless they reasonably suspect that the WCD contains evidence of a violation of the law or other school rules. Any search will be conducted in accordance with Policy 5771 – Search and Seizure.

Technology including, but not limited to, WCDs intended and actually used for instructional purposes (e.g., taking notes, recording classroom lectures, writing papers) will be permitted, as approved by the classroom teacher or the building principal.

The use of a WCD to engage in **non-education-related** communications during instructional time is expressly prohibited.

Students may use WCDs provided such uses do not create a distraction, disruption, or otherwise interfere with the educational environment at the following times:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Before and after school - During lunch - In between classes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -During after-school activities (extra-curricular activities) - At school-related functions - While on the school bus |
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Distracting behavior that creates an unsafe environment will not be tolerated.

Use of *WCDs, and all accessories must be stored out of sight and*, is prohibited unless it is approved by a teacher or administrator. ***This includes the use of ear buds, headphones, Bluetooth speakers and/or any similar accessory.***

Using a WCD to capture, record and/or transmit audio and/or pictures/video of an individual without proper consent is considered an invasion of privacy and is expressly prohibited.

Capturing and/or recording fights or similar events and/or subsequent posting of said recordings/images to social media and similar outlets is expressly prohibited

The use of WCDs that contain built-in cameras (i.e. devices that take still or motion pictures, whether in a digital or other format) is prohibited in locker rooms, shower facilities, and/or rest/bathrooms.

Consequences	1st Violation	2nd Violation	3rd Violation	4th Violation	5th Violation
	Warning and reminder of WCD policy.	Take device and return to student at the end of the period.	Confiscation & student pick-up at the end of the day from office.	Confiscation & Parent/Guardian pick-up.	Confiscation & Parent/Guardian pick-up and possible loss of WCD privileges.

REFUSAL TO SURRENDER WCD TO FACULTY/STAFF MAY RESULT IN OSS FOR DEFIANCE OF AUTHORITY