

# WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE



## What is a Wireless Communication Device (WCD)?

Computers  
Tablets or iPads  
Electronic Readers  
Kindles  
Electronic games

Cell phones/Smart phones  
Any headphones/earbuds  
Bluetooth speakers and/any similar accessory  
Other web-enabled devices of any type

One of the most important responsibilities that we have at Raymond B Stewart Middle School is to provide all students with a pleasant environment that promotes maximum learning and sets them up for success. In order to fulfill this responsibility, we enforce the district's policy on electronic device usage. Whether intentional or not, WCDs can remove students socially, intellectually and emotionally from being present while at school or when involved with school-related activities. The district wants all students to have the greatest opportunity for face-to-face engagement with their teachers and peers, as not being presently focused can increase social and academic isolation issues.

Every student has been directed to the Student Code of Conduct that states, "Students that bring WCDs to school must ensure that they remain on silent mode and completely out of view for the entire school day except for the student's lunch period or as expressly authorized by the classroom teacher.

Possession of a WCD by a student at school during school hours and/or during extra- curricular activities is a privilege that may be forfeited by any student who fails to abide by the terms of this district/school policy or abuses this privilege. Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action and/or confiscation of the WCD. Students who are found to be in possession of an electronic device that is turned on or in use during class will receive a WCD violation letter.



## CONSEQUENCES



| 1 <sup>st</sup> Violation   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Violation  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Violation  | 4 <sup>th</sup> Violation  | 5 <sup>th</sup> Violation  |
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| Device held until school dismissal and returned to student, parent/guardian contacted. The student will receive a WCD violation letter documenting the infraction and the device will be returned at dismissal. | Device held until school dismissal and returned to student, parent/guardian contacted, WCD violation letter documenting the infraction and the device checked in and out in office for a week. | Device held until school dismissal and returned to student, parent/guardian contacted, WCD violation letter documenting the infraction, and the device checked in and out in office for 2 weeks. | Device held and released to parent/guardian, parent admin meeting, WCD violation letter documenting infraction, and checking phone in and out daily for 2 weeks. | Device held and released to parent/guardian, referral written, WCD violation letter documenting infraction, and device loss of privilege rest of the semester. |

*Continued violations will result in devices held and released to parent/guardian, and a referral written for defying, disobeying or disrespecting school personnel.*

**Phone restriction - student turns device in to the back office before going to class or receives another WCD violation**

**\*\*REFUSAL TO SURRENDER WCD TO FACULTY/STAFF MAY RESULT IN OSS FOR DEFIANCE OF AUTHORITY / OR LOSS OF PHONE PRIVILEGES FORTHE REST OF THE SEMESTER\*\***