

# WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE



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

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| Computers          | Cellphones/Smartphones                       |
| Tablets or iPads   | Any headphones/earbuds                       |
| Electronic Readers | Bluetooth speakers and/any similar accessory |
| Kindles            | Other web-enabled devices of any type        |
| Electronic Games   |  |

The Board is aware that WCDs are used by students and parents to communicate with each other. However, the use of WCDs on school grounds must be appropriately regulated to protect students, staff, and the learning environment. 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. In addition, while the use of social media can be intentional and positive, it can also be used in a way that causes others to feel left out, judged, anxious, and targeted. Unfortunately, WCDs can also be used by students to initiate and perpetuate inappropriate and/or unlawful conduct that can disrupt the orderly operation of schools and jeopardize the health, safety, and welfare of others in the school community. Therefore, to help promote the in-person academic and social engagement of our students while at school and at school-related activities, the District has established the following expectations regarding the use of WCDs by students:

Students who bring WCDs to school must ensure that they remain on silent mode and completely out of view for the entire school day except for when expressly authorized by the classroom teacher for a specific instructional activity. Classroom teachers may also provide, and students may utilize, a cell phone storage area in their classroom. These expectations also apply to extracurricular and co-curricular activities that occur before or after the school day.

### Unauthorized Use of a WCD:

- Engaging in non-education-related communications and/or usage during instructional time
- Capturing, recording, or transmitting the words or sounds, audio, images, pictures, and/or video of any staff member or other person in the school or while attending a school-related activity without expressed prior notice and explicit written and/or verbal consent of said party and/or as indicated by a student's Individual Education Plan (IEP)
- Capturing and/or recording fights or similar events, and/or subsequent posting of said recording/images to social media and similar outlets
- Distracting use/behavior that creates an unsafe environment
- Taking pictures, recording video, or any similar activity in locker rooms, shower facilities, and/or rest/bathrooms
- Capturing, recording, and/or transmitting test information or any other information in a manner constituting fraud, theft, cheating, or academic dishonesty or using a WCD to receive such information
- Using WCDs in any manner that otherwise violates the Student Code of Conduct

### Devices may be confiscated for the following reasons:

- Repeated violations of the WCD policy contained herein
- Capturing, recording and/or transmitting audio and/or pictures/video of an individual without proper consent
- If the WCD is confiscated, it will be released/returned to the student's parent/guardian after the student complies with any other disciplinary consequences that are imposed, unless the violation involves potentially illegal activity, in which case the WCD may be turned over to law enforcement.

### Additional corrective actions:

- Any student capturing, recording, and/or transmitting audio, pictures, video or similar acts without proper consent may be directed to delete said audio, picture and/or video file in the presence of a parent/guardian
- Any potentially illegal activity regarding WCD may lead to the confiscation of said device and delivery of said device to law enforcement and/or referring the issue to Child Protective Services as appropriate

Consequences				
1st Violation	2nd Violation	3rd Violation	4th Violation	5th Violation
Device held until school dismissal and returned to the student with Parent/Guardian contact. Student will review WCD policy and sign a behavior agreement.	Device held until parent/guardian picks it up. Student will receive a discipline referral, review WCD district policy and review their behavior agreement.	Device held until parent/guardian picks it up. Students will receive a discipline referral, review WCD district policy and review their behavior agreement. Lunch detention assigned.	Device held until parent/guardian picks it up. Students will receive a discipline referral, review WCD district policy and review their behavior agreement. After school/Saturday detention assigned.	Device held until parent/guardian picks it up. Students will receive a discipline referral, review WCD district policy and review their behavior agreement. ISS/OSS assigned.