

UNAUTHORIZED COMMUNICATION DEVICES

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Student use of cell phones, camera phones, pagers, beepers, and other similar electronic communication devices is strictly prohibited during the school day, except as outlined in the Cell Phone Contract for Students in grades 9-12 (Policy JICJ-R). This includes lunch periods and passing periods, as well as on school sponsored trips and driver education classes. Such devices are to be kept in a student's assigned locker with the power turned off. The Board recommends that these devices not be brought to school.

Additionally, it is prohibited for students to take, store, disseminate, transfer, view, or share obscene, pornographic, lewd, or otherwise illegal images or photographs, whether by electronic data transfer or other means, including but not limited to texting and e-mailing. Any student found to have engaged in such conduct may be reported to local law enforcement authorities and may face criminal penalties in accordance with applicable law. School administrators may refer such matters to local law enforcement if the administrator believes student action in this regard involves illegal activity (e.g., pornography.)

The Board may grant an exception to this policy for medical or emergency reasons only. This exception requires a written report from the student's medical provider explaining the need for the exception.

Students participating in extra-curricular activities or athletics must contact their sponsor or coach for his/her rules involving cell phone use after hours or on after-school bus trips. Sponsors and coaches will set their rules and establish their consequences for the use and/or misuse of these devices.

The school district will not be responsible for loss, damage or theft of any electronic communication device brought to the school.

Consequences for Violating this Policy (as outlined in policy JICJ-R)

- **First Offense** – the device will be held in the Administration office until the end of the school day. Students may pick up their phone following a behavioral contract review of this policy at the end of the school day in the main office.
- **Second Offense** – the device will remain in the main office until the end of the school day and a parent will have to pick it up; if a parent is unavailable, the phone will remain in the office until it is picked up by a parent.
- **Third Offense** – The student is no longer able to have a device at lunch until further notice as determined by Administration.

Any further violations of this policy will result in the student's loss of possession of the electronic communication device for the remainder of the school year. The student's parent/guardian must pick up the cell phone from the principal or superintendent's office at the expiration of that length of time. At the principal's discretion, the student may receive detention, in-school suspension, or out-of-school suspension not to exceed five (5) days.

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