

**RSU 82/MSAD 12
RULES FOR STUDENT USE OF CELLULAR TELEPHONES AND
OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

1. Students are prohibited from using privately-owned electronic devices, including but not limited to cellular telephones, Blackberries, I Phones, handheld computers, MP3 players and electronic games during classes, study halls, assemblies and other school activities.
 - a. During regular school hours all such devices must be turned off and concealed from plain view.
 - b. The only exceptions to this rule are when a staff member specifically authorizes students to use such a personal electronic device for a specific purpose such as entering an assignment in a PDA and for high school students during break and lunch.
 - c. If this rule is violated, the staff member will immediately confiscate the device and give the device to the office staff for safe keeping. The device may be returned to the student at the end of the school day. Discipline may be imposed as provided below. In the case of repeated violations, the staff member will immediately confiscate the device and give the device to the office staff and the parent/guardian will be required to pick it up. The Superintendent and/or designee may develop and implement additional disciplinary actions.
2. Students may use electronic devices on field trips and during extracurricular activities only if authorized by the staff member in charge.
3. The use of cameras in any type of electronic device is strictly prohibited in locker rooms and rest rooms. Classroom use, if approved by the classroom teacher, is acceptable.
4. Any use of cellular telephones and other electronic devices that violates any Board policy, procedure, or school rule is strictly prohibited. In addition, accessing, viewing, posting, forwarding, downloading, or displaying any materials that are defamatory, abusive, obscene, vulgar, sexually explicit, sexually suggestive, threatening, discriminatory, harassing, and/or illegal is prohibited.
5. Student cellular telephones and other electronic devices may be subject to search if there is reasonable suspicion that a student is violating Board policies/procedures and/or school rules.
6. A building administrator may maintain possession of an electronic device as long as is reasonably necessary for evidentiary purposes.

7. Students violating these rules will be subject to discipline, which may include:
 - a. Not being allowed to bring electronics to school;
 - b. Sanctions ranging from detention to expulsion from school depending upon the nature of the offense and the student's discipline record.

8. Evidence of illegal activities involving electronic devices may be referred to appropriate law enforcement authorities and a building administrator may give a device to law enforcement authorities upon request.

Cross Reference: JIH – Questioning and Searches of Students
 JICIA – Weapons, Violence, Bullying and School Safety
 JFCK – Use of Cellular Telephones and Other Electronic Devices

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