

Book	Policy Manual
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Purpose

To foster a focused learning environment free from the distractions of electronic devices, Wyoming Area School District requires all students to secure their cell phones in district provided pouches from the beginning to the end of the school day. This policy supports academic engagement, reduces potential distractions, and promotes social interaction.

Definition of Electronic Devices

For the purpose of this policy, "**Electronic devices**" include, but are not limited to, cell phones, smartphones, tablets, e-readers, laptops, smartwatches, and any other device capable of capturing, storing, or transmitting data or images. The policy applies to all devices capable of audio, visual, or data communications, regardless of whether these functions are activated.

Procedure

1. Device Storage:

At the start of the school day, students will place cell phones in a pouch, provided by the district, that will automatically lock and remain in the student's possession but be inaccessible during school hours.

Pouches are unlocked at designated stations when students exit the building or at the front office if a student is dismissed early.

2. Access in Emergencies:

In case of emergencies, staff can unlock pouches if necessary. Additionally, classrooms and school offices are equipped with landlines to support emergency communication.

3. Forgotten or Lost Pouches:

Students who forget or lose their pouch will be provided with a temporary district pouch for a daily rental fee of \$5. Students must notify the administration of lost or damaged pouches, with replacement costs applicable.

4. Special Exceptions:

The building principal may grant approval for the possession and use of an electronic device by students for the following reasons:

- (a) Health such as the electronic device being utilized in conjunction with a treatment, monitor and/or medication.
- (b) Pursuant to an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 Service Agreement.
- (c) Student is a member of a volunteer ambulance, fire or rescue squad.

Compliance and Consequences:

Disciplinary Actions: Unauthorized attempts to open, tamper with, or access phones during school hours will result in disciplinary actions, potentially including detention, confiscation, and suspension.

Rental Fee for Forgotten Pouches: Students who forget or misplace their pouch will be assessed a \$5 daily rental fee for a district-issued temporary pouch.

Guidelines:

The District reserves the right to define the educational value and place restrictions or prohibitions on the possession or use of any electronic device currently available, or that may become available in the future, whether or not it is specifically addressed in this policy.

Legal

1. 24 P.S. 510
2. Pol. 103.1
3. Pol. 113
4. Pol. 218
5. Pol. 815
6. Pol. 235
7. Pol. 226
8. Pol. 233