

Use of Mobile Electronic Devices

In an effort to provide an environment that fosters learning and in recognition of the increasing use of mobile electronic devices (MEDS), the School has developed a mobile electronic device use policy.

“Mobile electronic devices” are defined to include, but are not limited to, cellular phones, smart phones, iPOD/MP3/DVD/CD players, video recorders, data devices, video games, beepers, pagers, radios, and other similar electronic devices.

Students may possess and use MEDS while on campus, in a school vehicle, or while attending a School-sponsored or school-related activity, subject to the following guidelines:

- During the regular school day, MEDs must remain turned off, but may be kept in the Student’s backpack. Students may, however, use the MED during the regular school day when an authorized employee permits such use or in emergency situations that present an imminent physical danger. Otherwise, the device may only be turned on and used before the school day begins and after the regular school day ends.
- MEDS shall not be used in a manner disruptive to the instructional process, disruptive to the the School’s academic mission or inconsistent with Policy 4430, Internet and Technology Use Policy.
- MEDS may not be used in prohibited manners. Prohibited manners include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Text Messaging. Text messaging may not be conducted during school hours to or from a student on School Property.
 - Sexting. Sexting is the sending of explicit messages or photographs.
 - Using MEDs to cheat on exams or use in any unethical manner.
 - Playing games.
- Camera Devices. “Camera Devices” are MEDs and include, but are not limited to, digital cameras, cellular phones with cameras, camcorders, and other imaging devices. Camera Devices may not be used to:
 - Harass, intimidate or bully another person
 - Invade the privacy of another
 - Publish, broadcast, transmit to any other person, by any means unauthorized or derogatory photos or video clips to another person.
- Use and possession is subject to additional rules developed by the School.

User Liability.

The School is not responsible for theft, loss, damage, or destruction of devices brought on to school property. Students are solely responsible for devices they bring on school property.

Violating Mobile Electronic Device Policy.

Students that violate the above policy will be subject to disciplinary action and the Student may lose his/her privilege to bring the MED on school property and/or have his/her device confiscated. If confiscated, the Student shall cooperate in surrendering the MED, and the device will only be returned to the Student's Parent or Guardian. While confiscated, the School may further inspect the MED if it reasonably believes the student has violated other policies.

Cross Reference: Policy 4430, Internet & Technology Acceptable Use.