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Electronic Devices

~~The District supports the use of computers, the Internet, and other electronic and network devices in the instructional program to facilitate learning through interpersonal communications and access to information, research and collaboration. Student possession and use of personal electronic devices designed to communicate, create or store information is permitted by the district pursuant to school regulations and at the discretion of the individual teacher. Students who choose to connect to the district network agree to the requirements of the District Provided Access to Electronic Information, Services and Networks Policy and should consider his/her personal devices subject to the same level of monitoring and access as any district-owned technology device. The District reserves the right to monitor Internet and network use of personal devices on all district networks. The District will provide wireless Network access to all personal electronic devices within the confines of District security protocols and its available bandwidth resources.~~

~~Student possession and use of personal electronic devices on school grounds, at school-sponsored activities, and while under the supervision and control of school district employees is a privilege.~~

~~At no time will any student operate a personal electronic device with recording capability in a locker room, bathroom, or other location where such operation may violate the privacy right of another person.~~

~~Schools may regulate the use of these devices by students, parents, and other adults while they are on school property, but student use of these devices in the classroom will be at the discretion of the teacher. School officials, including any District employee, may confiscate such devices when used inappropriately. Confiscated devices will only be returned to the parent or guardian, or to the emancipated student, or to the student age 18 and older. Repeated unauthorized use of such devices may result in disciplinary action.~~

~~Specific school regulations and procedures shall be published annually in student handbooks. The District is not responsible for lost or stolen devices and/or content on those devices.~~

The District supports the use of computers, the internet, and other electronic and network devices in the instructional program to facilitate learning through interpersonal communications and access to information, research and collaboration. Student possession and use of personal electronic devices designed to communicate, create or store information is subject to the following guidelines:

- Schools may regulate the use of electronic devices by students, parents, staff, and other adults while they are on school property.
- ~~Missoula County Public Schools~~ **The District** recommends that students do not bring cell phones or electronic devices to school. The District takes no responsibility for lost, damaged, or stolen devices, even if placed in a district-provided storage system during the school day.
- Student possession and use of personal electronic devices on school grounds, at school- sponsored activities, and while under the supervision and control of school district employees is a privilege.
- A building administrator can revoke a student's cell phone privileges and require the device to be surrendered upon arrival, returning it only at dismissal, if the student fails to use the phone appropriately on campus.
Repeated unauthorized use of such devices may result in disciplinary action.
- At no time will any student operate a personal electronic device with recording capability in a locker room, bathroom, or other location where such operation may violate the privacy right of another person.
- ~~Per MCA 41-8-213 Privacy in Communication and Board Policy 3225 Bullying, Harassment, and Intimidation Prevention.~~

Elementary and Middle Schools:

- Students in grades EL-8 are prohibited from using cellular phones and other electronic signaling and listening devices on campus throughout the instructional day.
- These devices must remain turned off and out of sight **except:**
- **In cases where prior approval from a building administrator has been provided due to exceptional circumstances, including but not limited to the student's medical needs.**
- **Middle school staff may request approval from a building administrator to use devices as an instructional tool during the class period.**
- Parents can call the school office, and messages will be relayed to students.
- Unauthorized use will result in device confiscation and returned to the student at the end of the day. Repeat offenders may be required to have parent meetings ~~or a parent to pick up the confiscated device.~~

High Schools:

- Students in grades 9-12 may use electronic signaling and listening devices before school, after school, passing periods, and during lunch periods.
- Students in grades 9-12 are prohibited from using electronic signaling and listening devices on campus throughout the instructional time.
- **During instructional time** these devices must remain turned off and out of sight, except:
 - ~~Students with medical reasons with prior approval from a building administrator.~~ **In cases where prior approval from a building administrator has been provided due to exceptional circumstances, including but not limited to the student's medical needs.**
 - Students may request approval from a building administrator to use devices for other compelling reasons during the day.

- Staff may request approval from a building administrator to use devices as an instructional tool during the class period.
- Unauthorized use will result in device confiscation and returned to the student at the end of the day. Repeat offenders may be required to have parent meetings or a parent to pick up the confiscated device.
- Parents can call the school office, and messages will be relayed to students.

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Cross Reference	3225	Bullying, Harassment, and Intimidation Prevention
	3612	District Provided Access to Electronic Information, Services and Networks

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