

Waterford School District

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RE: WSD Board of Education Policy 5136 | M.C.L.A. 380-1303

Cell Phones and Electronic Communication Device Policy

POSSESSION:

A student may possess a cellular telephone or other electronic communication devices (ECD) and electronic storage devices (ESD) in school, on school property, at after school activities and at school related functions. Possession of a cellular telephone or other ECD/ESD by a student is a privilege, which may be forfeited by any student who fails to abide by the terms of this policy, or otherwise engages in misuse of this privilege. The student who possesses a cellular phone or ECD/ESD shall assume responsibility for its care. At no time shall the District be responsible for theft, loss or damage to cell phones or ECD/ESD brought onto its property.

USE:

Cell phones, ECD/ESD are to remain out of sight / off during instructional time, unless explicitly designated for use by the classroom teacher, and school assemblies, unless explicitly designated for use by a school administrator or their designee.

Use of headphones/air pods during instructional time is prohibited, unless a student is explicitly directed by a teacher to use them.

Instructional time is defined as the entirety of the class learning period, from bell to bell. Assemblies are defined as formal gatherings of students, during the school day, as directed by an administrator or their designee.

Use of a cellular telephone or other electronic communication devices (ECD) and electronic storage devices (ESD) in school, on school property, at after school activities and at school-related functions will be subject to intervention, up to and including disciplinary action.

The use of cell phones, ECD/ESD, or any audio or video recording device in locker rooms or rest rooms is prohibited.

Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action against the student which may result in confiscation of the cellular telephone or ECD/ESD, and/or the revocation of the student's privilege to possess a phone on campus.

DELIVERY OF PARENT MESSAGES TO STUDENTS:

Parents can, at any time of the school day, contact the main office to send a message to their student. Within moments of receiving the message, hall monitors can deliver the message directly to the student.