

WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE POLICY



What is a Wireless Communication Device (WCD)?

- Computers
- Tablets or iPads
- Electronic Readers
- Kindles
- Cell phones
- Smartphones (Blackberry, iPhone, Android)
- iPods, MP3 Players
- Telephone Paging Devices
- Other web-enabled devices of any type.

Technology including, but not limited to, WCDs intended and actually used for instructional purposes (e.g., taking notes, recording classroom lectures, writing papers) will be permitted, as approved by the classroom teacher or the building principal.

The use of a WCD to engage in **non-education-related** communications during instructional time is expressly prohibited.

Students may use WCDs provided such uses do not create a distraction, disruption, or otherwise interfere with the educational environment at the following times:

- Before and after school
- During lunch
- In between classes
- During after-school activities (extra-curricular activities)
- At school-related functions
- While on the school bus

Distracting behavior that creates an unsafe environment will not be tolerated.

Use of WCDs, except those approved by a teacher or administrator, at any other time is prohibited and *they must be powered completely off and stored out of sight (not just placed into vibrate or silent mode).*

Using a WCD to capture, record and/or transmit audio and/or pictures/video of an individual without proper consent is considered an invasion of privacy and is not permitted.

The use of WCDs that contain built-in cameras (i.e. devices that take still or motion pictures, whether in a digital or other format) is prohibited in locker rooms, shower facilities, and/or rest/bathrooms.

Students shall have no expectation of confidentiality with respect to their use of WCDs on school premises/property.

Students are also prohibited from using a WCD to capture, record and/or transmit test information or any other information in a manner constituting fraud, theft, cheating, or academic dishonesty. Likewise, students are prohibited from using WCDs to receive such information.

Possession of a WCD by a student at school during school hours and/or during extra-curricular activities is a privilege that may be forfeited by any student who fails to abide by the terms of this policy, or otherwise abuses this privilege.

CONSEQUENCES	1ST VIOLATION	2ND VIOLATION	3RD VIOLATION	4TH VIOLATION
	Warning & take device for the rest of the period. (Document in SDS)	Confiscation & student pick-up at the end of the day. (Document in SDS)	Confiscation & Parent/Guardian pick-up. (Document in SDS)	Confiscation & Parent/Guardian pick-up and 1 day of Lonely Lunch.

***5th Violation will result in referral for defiance of WCD Policy.**

REFUSAL TO SURRENDER WCD TO FACULTY/STAFF MAY RESULT IN 3 DAYS OSS FOR DEFIANCE OF AUTHORITY