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Rules

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Students are prohibited from using electronic devices to capture images, record or otherwise use electronic devices in a manner that harasses, humiliates, threatens, embarrasses, intimidates another person or otherwise violates law. Students may not use electronic devices to access and/or view websites, internet, or other content or images that are inappropriate or otherwise blocked to students at school while on school property or at a school-sponsored event. Students are personally and solely responsible for the care and security of electronic devices.

The confiscation of any electronic device and/or search of an electronic device shall be governed by Board Policy JCAB and legal training provided to administrators pertaining to searches of electronic devices.

The use of personal electronic devices at each school level shall adhere to the requirements below. A principal or principal's designee may develop requirements pertaining to the use of personal electronic devices before and after the school day by students in their supervision that are designed to enhance the school environment and prevent disruptions. For the purposes of this administrative rule, the "school day" shall be defined at each level as described below.

Elementary and Middle Schools

Personal electronic devices cannot be used by students during the school day absent authorized permission by the principal or principal's designee for reasons contained in the corresponding policy. All personal devices must remain out of sight of others as directed by the school. The personal electronic devices and accessories will be either turned off or silenced during this time.

The school day for elementary schools shall be from 7:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. The school day for middle schools shall be from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. The school day for schools that have combined levels of instruction, such as K-8 schools, shall be determined by the principal or principal's designee in accordance with the instructional activities of that facility.

High Schools and Career/Special Centers

Personal electronic devices cannot be used by students in classrooms during the school day absent authorized permission by the principal or principal's designee for reasons contained in the corresponding policy or as otherwise permitted in this section. All personal devices must remain

out of sight of others as directed by the school. The personal electronic devices will be either turned off or silenced during this time.

Principals of each high school and career/special center that serves high school students have the ability in collaboration with their faculty to develop school-specific procedures to incorporate and allow the use of personal electronic devices during the school day when students are outside of the classroom, such as during and adjacent to lunch, so long as that time and use of the device is in furtherance of instruction and school activities. Examples of the use of personal electronic devices during this time by students includes, but is not limited to, checking grades, making school-related purchases, performing school-related research, reviewing class schedules, working on assignments, and emailing teachers. In order to grant the use of personal electronic devices during this time, a school must find that these instructional school-related tasks cannot be reasonably achieved through use of District-owned devices due to barriers, such as a result of limited table space during lunch or the finite charging power capacity of District-owned devices.

The school day for high schools shall be from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. The school day for other special centers, such as the Fine Arts Center and Roper Mountain Science Center, shall be determined by the location administrator in accordance with the instructional activities of that facility.

Consequences

Violations of the above requirements will result in disciplinary action in accordance with [Board Policy JCDA](#). Discipline will be imposed, to the extent possible, in a progressive manner based upon the number of previous violations and the nature of or circumstances surrounding a particular violation. Assistant Superintendents will collaborate with principals to maximize consistency in discipline at each school and among schools throughout the District.