

ELECTRONIC AND TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES

Possession of cell phones shall be allowed, but the use of cell phones by students on a school campus, during the instructional school day, shall be strictly prohibited unless authorized by the principal or school designee. Possession and/or use of other electronic and telecommunication devices such as ipods, ipads, MP3, CD players, etc., by students shall be strictly prohibited unless authorized by the principal or school designee in any elementary or secondary school building, or on the grounds thereof while school is in session or in any school bus used to transport public school students. A violation of these provisions may be grounds for disciplinary action, including but not limited to, suspension from school. Nothing shall prohibit the use and operation by any person, including students, of any electronic telecommunication device in the event of an emergency. *Emergency* shall mean an actual or imminent threat to public health or safety which may result in loss of life, injury, or property damage.

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