

H. Student Cell Phone Policy

The Cache County School District has determined that cell phones have limited or no educational value and their use may create a distraction to the learning environment. Student possession of cell phones in the Cache County School District is only allowable subject to the following rules and regulations. Strict adherence to these rules and regulations is required. Additionally, the District prohibits the use of other communication devices (i.e., two way radios, pagers, MP3 players, PDA's and laptops with two-way messaging capabilities) by students. The Cache County School District reserves the right to define the educational value of any new electronic wireless devices that may become available in the future and to prohibit their use if they have no educational value or if such use creates learner distraction or disruption.

Possession of a cell phone and other electronic devices by a student is a privilege which may be forfeited by any student not abiding by the terms of this policy. Students shall be personally and solely responsible for the security of their cell phones and other electronic devices. Cache County School District shall not assume any responsibility for theft, loss, or damage of a cell phone or other electronic devices, or unauthorized calls made on a cell phone.

Use of Cell Phones on School Grounds

Student use/possession of a cell phone depends on the grade level of the student. The following categories outline the grade levels and authorized use/possession of cell phones by students:

1. **Elementary Schools, Kindergarten – Fifth Grade:** Student possession/use of cell phones is prohibited. Communication with parents/guardians will be facilitated through the central office of the school.
2. **Middle Schools and Junior High Schools, Sixth Grade – Ninth Grade:** Students may use cell phones before and after schools, as long as they do not create a distraction or a disruption. Use of cell phones during the school day is prohibited and they will be powered completely off. Use of cell phones is strictly prohibited in classrooms, locker rooms, restrooms, and shower facilities. Students who violate these rules are subject to removal from school and may have their electronic devices confiscated for a period of time.
3. **High Schools, Tenth Grade – Twelfth Grade:** Students may use cell phones before and after school, as long as they do not create a distraction or a disruption. Students may also use cell phones during passing time between classes and during the lunch break, as long as they do not create a distraction or a disruption or cause the student to be tardy for the next class period. Use of cell phones is strictly prohibited in classrooms, locker rooms, restrooms, and shower facilities. Students who violate these rules are subject to removal from school and may have their electronic devices confiscated for a period of time.

**Camera or Picture Cell Phones:** While the use of cell phones by students is allowed subject to these rules, the capability of a cell phone to take, store or transmit pictures is strictly prohibited. It is the District's position that picture phones pose threats to freedoms of privacy. Additionally, picture phones can be used to exploit personal information and

compromise the integrity of educational programs. Accordingly, the camera function of a cell phone is strictly prohibited on school premises at all times. Students who violate this provision of the policy will have their cell phone confiscated and held until the end of the school year. The possession or transmission of pornographic material on school property is strictly prohibited and is subject to both administrative and criminal sanctions.

#### Use of Cell Phones on Buses or During School Activities

Cell phone usage by students while riding to and from school on the bus, or on the bus during school-sponsored activities is at the discretion of the bus driver and/or student advisor/supervisor. Distracting behavior that creates an unsafe environment will not be tolerated.

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