

Washington Park Community School
Board of Directors
Policy Manual
Chapter VI – Pupil Personnel

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ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES

For purposes of this policy, electronic communication devices (“ECDs”) means any device that is powered by batteries or electricity and that is capable of receiving or transmitting communications from or to another ECD or person. An ECD includes, but is not limited to a cellular telephone. A student has no expectation of privacy in the use of an ECD on School property.

Students are prohibited from using ECDs, including cellular telephones, during the instructional day, unless otherwise authorized by the student’s teacher or an administrator for purposes of student learning or to monitor or address a health concern, or unless a student’s individualized education plan or 504 plan permit such use. The need for a “health concern” to be monitored or addressed during the instructional day through the use of an ECD, including a cellular telephone, must be affirmed with a written statement from the student’s physician providing that such use is required, which must be submitted to the student’s building principal for authorization. Students may use ECDs, including cellular telephones, in accordance with the building’s comprehensive emergency management plan if permitted thereunder.

Use of ECDs must comply with state and federal law, Board Policy, and the Student Code of Conduct.

No student shall use an ECD to record images, video, or audio of another student or staff member without the express permission of the person being recorded. ECDs shall not be used to record images, video, or audio at any time or place on School property where a reasonable expectation of privacy exists, such as in locker rooms, bathrooms, shower facilities, or any other place where persons may be found in a state of undress.

Students are prohibited from using ECDs to facilitate academic dishonesty by way of recording and/or transmitting test materials or information.

Violations of this policy will result in the ECD being confiscated. A confiscated ECD will only be returned to the student’s parent or guardian at the end of the school day. A student who violates this policy may also be subject to discipline, including suspension and/or expulsion, and/or may have the privilege of using an ECD suspended or revoked.

If, in the judgment of the student’s building administrator, a violation of this policy potentially constitutes an illegal act, the ECD may be provided to law enforcement.

As with any other item of personal property, students are solely responsible for the safety and security of their own ECDs.

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This policy shall be made publicly available, posted in a central location in each school building, and posted prominently on the School's publicly accessible website.

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