

2025-26 Elementary School Statement of Rights and Responsibilities Amendment

The updated language below replaces the existing content for the Cell Phones/Electronic Communication Devices (Technology Violation) in the 2025-26 Elementary Student Handbook.

7. **Cell Phones/Electronic Communication Devices (Technology Violation)**

The School Board recognizes that many students possess and use cell phones and other electronic communication devices (ECDs). ECDs include, and are not limited to, the following: cell phones, smartphones, music players, gaming devices, smart watches, earbuds, and other wearable technologies, etc.

Student access to ECDs should vary by age and school level, as these tools become more essential for performing adult tasks as students progress through school. Elementary and middle school students are not permitted to access ECDs during the school day, but may do so before or after school hours. High school students are not permitted to access ECDs during class time, but may do so during passing periods and at lunch.

For all ASD students, when ECD use is prohibited, all devices will be put away and not visible and will be either turned off or the ability to receive and transmit data will be disabled. Administrators may require ECD to be placed in a secure location such as a student locker or other specified location within the school. ECDs may be approved on a case-by-case basis for student use during the school day by the building administrator when required as an approved medical device or for specific academic needs such as those documented in an IEP, 504, or for language translation support. Please see the Bring Your Own Devices (BYOD) Guidelines in Section 1 of the Student Handbook for more information regarding the use of electronic devices for academic purposes.

Conditions of Use:

Depending upon grade level, the principal may establish, and school personnel may enforce, additional guidelines limiting or prohibiting the possession and use of ECDs as appropriate to campus needs. No student may use a cellular phone or ECDs in a manner that interferes with or is disruptive of other student's instructional time. During school and school sponsored activities, students will comply with this policy and with administrative and staff member directives regarding use. Students are required to turn ECDs over to school personnel when requested. Students who refuse to do so are subject to disciplinary action.

The contents of any ECD may be searched to determine ownership, to identify emergency contacts, or upon reasonable suspicion that a school or District rule or the law has been violated. An ECD that has been confiscated by the District and not turned over to law enforcement will be released/returned to the parent/guardian when no longer necessary for investigation or disciplinary proceedings. As appropriate, the ECD may be returned directly to the student. The District assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to personal property of students, including ECDs, whether in the possession of students or if confiscated by school personnel pursuant to this policy. Administrative Regulations shall be developed to promote the safe storage of confiscated ECDs.

Prohibited Conduct:

Possession of an ECD by students is a privilege. This privilege will be forfeited by any student who fails to abide by the terms of this policy, or otherwise engages in misuse of the device so as to violate the law or any other school or District rule. In addition to those conduct rules set forth elsewhere, the following actions are strictly prohibited and may result in disciplinary action:

1. Accessing and/or viewing an Internet site that is otherwise blocked to students at school.
2. Sending an e-mail, text message or other communication that harasses, intimidates, threatens, bullies, or discriminates against another individual.
3. Taking, sending, generating, downloading or uploading a harassing, threatening, or inappropriate photograph and/or video of anyone.
4. Using an ECD or camera to take photos and/or video in a restroom, dressing room, or locker room, or to take a photo and/or video of any person who has requested that you not do so.
5. Using an ECD to record, capture and/or share the content of tests, assessments, homework, or class work without express prior permission from the instructor.
6. Hacking or intentionally obtaining, accessing, or modifying files, passwords, or data belonging to others.

(Cell Phones/ECDs Section Revised 6/08, 5/15, 6/17, 7/25)