

CHAPTER 5.00 – STUDENTS

Cell Phones and Other Wireless Communications Devices

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1. **Introduction.** This rule regulates the use of cell phones and other wireless communication devices on school property and school buses, and at school functions. For purpose of this rule, “use” of a cell phone or other wireless communication device means using it for any purpose or application, including telephone calls, texts, emails, other forms of messaging, games, videos, music or audio, accessing other online content, and other applications.
2. **General Rule.** A student may possess a cell phone or other wireless communications device while the student is on school property, on a school bus, or attending a school function during the school day; however, elementary and middle school students may not use a wireless communications device during the school day, and high school students may not use a wireless communications device during instructional time, except when expressly directed by a teacher solely for educational purposes.
3. **Exceptions to General Rule.** In all grades, students are allowed to use cell phones and wireless communication devices in accordance with:
 - a. the student’s individualized educational plan;
 - b. the student’s 504 accommodation plan issued under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; or
 - c. a written, signed note from a physician licensed under Chapter 458 or 459 certifying that the student requires the use of a wireless communications device based upon valid clinical reasoning or evidence.

High school students (grades 9 – 12) may also use cell phones and wireless communication devices during lunch or between classes in breezeways and other outdoor areas, and in other areas of the school designated by the principal for such use.

4. **Storage.** Teachers shall designate an area of their classroom for storage of students’ devices. Except as provided in paragraph 2, during the school day, all devices must be stored in a designated area or must remain powered off and stored in a student’s backpack, purse, locker, or vehicle.
5. **Violations.** A student who violates District rule for possession or use of cell phones and wireless communication devices shall be subject to discipline in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

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