

## Student Use of Cell Phones and Other Personal Electronic Devices

### Purpose

In accordance with Colorado Revised Statutes §22-1-149, this policy establishes parameters for student possession and use of cell phones and other personal electronic devices during the school day. The purpose is to minimize distractions, support a safe and focused learning environment, and promote healthy student development.

### Policy Statement

Students are prohibited from using cell phones or personal electronic devices during the school day, including instructional time, lunch, recess, and passing periods, **unless expressly authorized by school staff under the limited exceptions below**. All devices must remain turned off or in silent mode and stored out of sight during the school day.

Unauthorized recording, photographing, or distribution of images, video, or audio while on school grounds may result in disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

### Scope

This policy applies to all students in grades Kindergarten through 8th while on school grounds during school hours.

### Exceptions

Limited exceptions may be made under the following circumstances:

1. **Emergency Situations** – A student may use a cell phone or device to communicate in a verified emergency situation as determined by school staff or emergency personnel.
2. **Medical Necessity** – Students with documented medical conditions requiring the use of electronic monitoring or communication devices (e.g., glucose monitors) may use them in accordance with a health plan approved by the school nurse or administration.
3. **Disability and Language Accommodations** – Use of assistive technology or personal electronic devices is permitted when required by an Individualized Education Program (IEP), Section 504 plan, or an approved plan to support emergent multilingual learners (MLs) through appropriate language access programs and services. The allowable exceptions must be written into the student's identified plan and approved by the appropriate team or coordinator.
4. **Students using Bus Transportation** – Students who rely on the school's buses for transportation to and from school may use their devices on the bus. Devices may only be used to contact parent or guardian. Any use of their devices for entertainment, such as, but not limited to, social media, gaming, photographing, and video recording etc., is prohibited.

## **Enforcement and Discipline**

Violations of this policy may result in the following graduated interventions:

- **First Violation** – Verbal reminder and confiscation for the remainder of the school day.
- **Second Violation** – Parent/guardian contact and requirement for the parent to retrieve the device.
- **Subsequent Violations** – Disciplinary action in accordance with the school's student code of conduct, which may include loss of device privileges on campus.

Confiscated devices will be stored securely in the main office or designated administrative location and returned per school procedures. The school is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged devices.

## **Parent and Guardian Notification**

Parents/guardians will be informed of this policy annually and upon enrollment. The policy will be made available on the school's website and in the student handbook.

## **Adopted:**

April 10th, 2026

## **LEGAL REFS.:**

C.R.S. § 22-1-149 (Electronic devices in school settings – policy required)