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Policy 2656

Discipline

Student Cell Phone Usage

Developments in cell phone technology in recent years have resulted in enhanced communication opportunities. However, the use of cell phones in schools poses increasing risks of school disruptions, bullying, criminal activity, and academic dishonesty. As a result, student cell phones, digital cameras and similar electronic devices will be banned during the instructional day, as well as, in dressing areas during extracurricular activities. Violation of this policy will result in confiscation, detention or in-school suspension, while second offenses will result in confiscation, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion being imposed.

Parents may apply to the building principal to obtain a hardship exception. In such cases, the student's cell phone must be retained in the principal's office. Students granted a hardship may visit the office to use their cell phone for approved purposes. Telephones are also available in school offices for parents to contact their student for legitimate reasons.