

Raymond School District Policy - JICJ

PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES

Student use of cell phones and other handheld electronic and/or communication devices is strictly prohibited during the school day unless approved by a classroom teacher and/or building administrator. Such devices are to be kept stowed away and out of sight (such as in a student's assigned locker, purse, pocket, or bookbag), turned off and silenced when not in use. The use of cell phones during class time is prohibited unless the classroom teacher ~~allows the~~ obtains permission from his or her school administrator to use of cell phones for a specific educational purpose. **Cell phones are not to be used in the classroom without teacher approval.**

Upon reasonable suspicion that a school rule or the law has been violated through the use of such a device, an administrator may search for evidence of suspected wrongdoing. Any refusal on the part of a student to comply with a request to surrender the device may result in disciplinary action.

The Board may grant an exception to this policy for medical or emergency reasons. This exception requires a written report from the student's medical provider explaining the need for the exception.

Additionally, it is prohibited for students to take, store, disseminate, transfer, view, or share obscene, pornographic, lewd, or otherwise illegal images or photographs, whether by electronic data transfer or other means, including but not limited to texting and e-mailing. Any student found to have engaged in such conduct may be reported to local law enforcement authorities and may face criminal penalties in accordance with applicable law. School administrators may refer such matters to local law enforcement if the administrator believes student action in this regard involves illegal activity (e.g., pornography.)

Students participating in extra-curricular activities or athletics must contact their sponsor or coach for his/her rules involving cell/smart phone use after hours or on after-school bus trips. Sponsors and coaches will set their rules and establish their consequences for the use and/or misuse of these devices. Cell phones should be turned off or silenced during all practices, games and contests. They may be checked during breaks.

The school district will not be responsible for loss, damage or theft of any electronic communication device brought to the school.

Consequences for Violating this Policy

First Offense: Verbal warning; A disciplinary referral will be written if there is violation of another district policy.

Second Offense: The electronic communication device will be confiscated and a disciplinary referral will be written. The student must pick up the device from the principal or superintendent's office.

Third Offense: The electronic communication device will be confiscated. A disciplinary

referral will be written. The student's parent/guardian must pick up the device from the principal or superintendent's office. At the principal's discretion, the student may receive detention or in-school suspension.

Any further violations of this policy will result in the student's loss of possession of the electronic communication device for the remainder of the school year. The student's parent/guardian must pick up the cell/smart phone from the principal or superintendent's office at the expiration of that length of time. At the principal's discretion, the student may receive detention, in-school suspension, or out-of-school suspension not to exceed ten (10) days.

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