

The Governing Board believes that all students have the right to be educated in a positive learning environment free from disruptions. On school grounds and at school activities, students shall be expected to exhibit appropriate conduct that does not infringe upon the rights of others or interfere with the school program.

Possession of Cellular Phones and Other Personal Electronic Signaling Devices

No student shall be prohibited from possessing or using an electronic signaling device that is determined by a licensed physician or surgeon to be essential for the student's health and the use of which is limited to health-related purposes. (Education Code 48901.5)

The physician's documentation of the health related purpose shall be presented to the principal and shall be maintained on file in the main office at the school site.

Students may possess or use personal electronic signaling devices, including but not limited to pagers, beepers and cellular/digital telephones.

Permitted devices shall:

1. Be turned off during class time and at any other time directed by a district employee
2. Not disrupt the educational program or school activity
3. Student cell phones, including, but not limited to, text messages and digital photos, may be searched by the District, under limited circumstances, in accordance with the limitations imposed by state and federal law. Specifically, school officials may not search students' cell phones, including the accessing and reading of their text messages and digital photos, unless those officials (1) have a reasonable suspicion, based on objective and articulable facts, that the search will provide evidence that the particular student was violating either the law or a school rule; and (2) the scope of the search is reasonably related to the objectives of the search and not excessively intrusive in light of the nature of the infraction.

The district is not responsible for lost or stolen personal electronic signaling devices, pagers, beepers and cellular/digital telephones.

Education Code:
48901.5 Cell Phones

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