JICJ - STUDENT POSSESSION AND USE OF PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES

As used in this policy, “personal communication device” or “PCD” is defined to include all student cell phones, pagers, iPods, MP3 players, zunes, personal digital assistants, cameras, audio and/or video recorders and players, and all other hand-held electronic communication and data storage devices.

Students may only possess and use PCDs on District property, on a District vehicle, at a District or school-sponsored activity or event, and off District property when such possession or use has a reasonable connection to school or any District curricular or non-curricular activity or event, in accordance with the following rules:

1. Students shall not use PCDs at any time they are in class or participating in or attending education-related activities, unless otherwise expressly authorized by the principal or his/her designee.

2. Students shall keep PCDs out of sight at all times they are in class and at all times they are participating in or attending education-related activities, unless otherwise expressly authorized by the principal or his/her designee.

3. Students shall keep PCDs turned off or dormant at all times they are in class and at all times they are participating in or attending education-related activities, unless otherwise expressly authorized by the principal or his/her designee. In this regard, “dormant” means elimination of all vibration alerts, alarms, ringtones, flashes, and other methods of notification of incoming calls or messages.

4. Students shall not use PCDs when they are not in class or when they are not otherwise participating in or attending education-related activities if such use disrupts the educational process, interferes with or disrupts school operations, or interferes with or disrupts a District or school-sponsored activity or event, as determined by the principal or his/her designees.

5. Students shall not use PCDs on District vehicles in a manner that may interfere with or disrupt the safe operation of the vehicle, as determined by District transportation officials or their designees.

6. Students shall not use PCDs with cameras and/or video recording capabilities at any time they are in a bathroom, locker room or other location where such use could violate another person’s reasonable expectation of privacy, and shall keep PCDs with cameras and/or video recording capabilities out of sight at all times they are in a bathroom, locker room or other location where such PCDs could violate another person’s reasonable expectation of privacy.

7. Students shall not use PCDs to send, receive or store pornography or sexually oriented images, photographs, videos, or messages in written or audio form, that may be reasonably perceived as having the purpose or effect of stimulating erotic feelings or appealing to prurient interests.

8. Students shall not possess or use PCDs in any manner that involves a violation of any law, District policy or regulation, or established school rules.

Rules 1-3 above shall not apply to the extent they conflict with a student's IEP or Section 504 Plan. Rules 1-4 above shall not apply in an emergency situation affecting a student at school. As used in this policy, an "emergency situation" is defined as a situation that threatens loss of life, personal injury and/or damage to the personal property of the affected student.

Students who violate any of the foregoing rules are subject to one or more of the following consequences for each violation:

1. Confiscation of the PCD possessed or used in violation of the rules for a period of time to be determined by the principal or his/her designee, up to and including the remainder of the school year. The return of confiscated PCDs may be conditioned on a meeting between the student's parent/guardian and the principal or his/her designee to discuss the violation and steps that may be taken to ensure future compliance with the rules in this policy.

2. Receiving a failing grade with respect to any test or assignment during which the student possessed or used a PCD in violation of the rules in this policy.

3. Discipline, including suspension or expulsion from school.

4. Referral of the matter to law enforcement authorities when the student's PCD possession or use may involve a violation of the law.

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CROSS REFS:
JS, Student Use of District Computers, E-Mail & Internet Access