

2009-2010 Revision to Electronic Devices/Cell Phones

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

The current policy of electronic devices is currently being revised. Per a district draft given to WCSD schools on May 20, 2009, the policy reads:

5.5.2.13 Electronic devices including, but not limited to, cell phones, personal digital assistants (PDA's), and iPods.

WCSD is proud to be a 21st century district and we promote responsible and thoughtful use of personal electronic devices to support student achievement. However, cell phones, iPods, PDA's and other electronic items should not interfere with the instructional process. Teachers and administrators reserve the right to confiscate a student's device if it is interfering with the learning process. The first time a student's personal electronic device appears to be a nuisance, it will be taken away and returned to the student at the end of the school day. Parent/guardians will need to come to the school to collect their child's personal electronic device any subsequent times the device is confiscated.

Students may possess or use electronic signaling devices, including but not limited to pagers, beepers, and cellular/digital telephones, provided that the use of such devices does not interfere with the instructional process.

Electronic signaling devices shall not be carried into classrooms during assessments, semester exams, or other testing situations.

Inside school buildings and during the school day, electronic signaling devices shall be in the "off" position unless the devices are being used for instructional purposes. Students should not be allowed the use of electronic signaling devices as a "time filler" during instructional time.

Consequences

First Offense - Device will be confiscated, parent notified, student reminded of policy, and warning given of future consequences.

Second Offense - Device will be confiscated, parent notified, device returned to parent/legal guardian only, school consequences determined for "insubordination" or "disregard for school rules" if necessary.

Third Offense - Device confiscated, parent notified, device returned only to parent/legal guardian, school determined consequences for "insubordination" or "disregard for school rules" if necessary, electronic device privileges shall be revoked for **90 school days**.

Fourth Offense - Device confiscated, parent notified, device returned to parent/legal guardian, school determined consequence for third offense for "insubordination" or "disregard for school rules" if necessary, device privileges revoked for remainder of student's school year.

Appeals: A parent or legal guardian shall have the right of appeals to the Superintendent or his/her designee regarding fourth or subsequent offenses. The request for appeal shall be submitted in writing directly to the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee within ten (10) working days after the determination of a fourth offense.