

Students and Telecommunication/Electronic Devices

The West Valley School District authorizes students to “Bring Your Own Device” (BYOD) for educational purposes. The District will provide wireless access for educational purposes. Acceptable use will be followed and monitored in accordance with District Policy 2022, Electronic Resources, and State/Federal law.

Teachers may allow the use of telecommunications/electronic devices in their own classrooms if such use contributes to educational purposes. During class time, student electronic devices will be used only during portions of the lesson as designated by the teacher. Students will comply with teacher directions to turn off electronic devices during designated times of the lesson as instructed. The teacher’s authority will be followed by students in regards to all electronic devices that impact academic integrity including wearable electronic devices.

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District resources will not be used to trouble-shoot or repair student electronic devices. District resources will be used only to trouble-shoot and repair District devices and wireless network.

The District is committed to equity; as a result, the Board of Directors directs the Superintendent to develop strategies to ensure that all students have access to internet resources during the school day. These strategies may include one-to-one devices, computers on wheels, computer labs, computer stations in classrooms, and/or other strategies.

Students in the possession of telecommunication or other electronic devices will observe the following conditions:

- A. During school hours, electronic devices will be used only for educational purposes. An exception may be granted if an emergency situation exists that involves imminent physical danger or a school administrator authorizes the student to do otherwise.
- B. Students will not use telecommunication devices in a manner that poses a threat to academic integrity, disrupts the learning environment, or violates the privacy rights of others;
- C. Students shall not send, share, view or possess pictures, text messages, emails or other material of a sexually explicit conduct, as defined in [RCW 9.68A.011](#), electronic or any other form on a cell phone or other electronic device. In accordance with Policy 3241, these rules shall apply:
 - On school District property at any time.
 - Off school District property at any school activity, function, or event.
 - On school buses or vehicles provided by the District.
 - Off school District property if the actions of the student materially or substantially affect the educational process.

- D. During lunch period and passing time between classes, students will use electronic devices only for educational purposes in designated locations such as classrooms and the school library.
- E. Students are responsible for telecommunication/electronic devices they bring to school or onto District-owned transportation. The District shall not be responsible for loss, theft or destruction of such devices brought onto school property or to school sponsored events. Nor will the school investigate the loss or damage of such an item.
- F. When a school official has reasonable suspicion, based on objective and articulable facts, that a student is using telecommunications device in a manner that violates the law or school rules, the official may confiscate the device, and contact parent/guardians.
- G. By bringing a cell phone or other electronic devices to school or school-sponsored events, the student and their parent/guardian consent to the search of the device when school officials have a reasonable suspicion, based on objective and articulable facts, that such a search will reveal a violation of the law or school rules. The scope of the search will be limited to the violation of which the student is accused. Content or images that violate state or federal laws will be referred to law enforcement;
- H. Students will comply with any additional rules developed by the school concerning the appropriate use of telecommunication or other electronic devices; and
- I. Students who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action.

While on school property after school hours or while attending school-sponsored or school-related activities occurring after school hours, students may possess and use personal telecommunication/electronic devices. These include, but are not limited to, pagers, beepers, MP3 players and cellular phones. The possession and use of such devices must not pose a threat to academic integrity, disrupt the learning environment or violate the privacy rights of others.

Legal References: RCW [28A.320.135](#) Telecommunication devices - Limits on possession - Policies

Cross References: Policy 2022 Electronic Resources
Policy 3207 Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
Policy 3241 Classroom Management, Corrective Actions or Punishment
Policy 3241P Classroom Management, Corrective Actions or Punishment
Policy 4310 Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies, Child Protective Agencies and County Health

Management Resources: Policy News October 2019
Policy News June 2010 Students and Sexting
Policy News February 2004 Evolution of Cell Phone Use

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