

6025
Student Cell Phone and Other Electronic Devices

Students may use cellular phones or other electronic devices while at school, so long as they do so safely, responsibly and respectfully. "Electronic device" includes beepers, pagers, i-pods, mp-3 players, i-pads and any other device that stores and communicates data by electronic means.

The Loomis Public School Board of Education recognizes the necessity and usefulness of wireless and electronic devices in many instances. However, the usage of such devices by students in the building can, due to the many technological advances of such instruments, be a detriment to the learning atmosphere and lead toward infractions of school rules concerning cheating and student conduct. Therefore, the following regulations for wireless and electronic devices are as follows:

Students may use cell phones or other electronic devices in the school at the following times:

- Before the 8:00 am bell rings
- During each passing period
- After lunch in the old gym only
- After the 3:30 pm bell rings

Any staff member may discipline a student during the above times if the electronic device has become a distraction or a disruption.

By bringing their cell phones and other electronic communication devices to school, students consent to the search of said devices by school staff when the staff determines that such a search is reasonable or necessary.

Students may not have cell phones or electronic devices while they are in locker rooms, classrooms or restrooms. During class periods student cell phones or electronic devices must remain in lockers or be locked in a personal vehicle. Students may bring their devices to classrooms with the express permission of the classroom teacher.

The taking, disseminating, transferring, or sharing of obscene, pornographic, lewd, or otherwise illegal images or photographs, whether by electronic data transfer or otherwise (commonly called texting, sexting, e-mailing, etc.) may constitute a crime under state and/or federal law. Any person engaged in these activities while on school grounds, in a school vehicle or at a school activity will be subject to the disciplinary procedures of the student code of conduct. Any student found to be in possession of obscene, pornographic, lewd, or otherwise illegal images or photographs will be promptly referred to law enforcement and/or

other state or federal agencies, which may result in arrest, criminal prosecution and possible inclusion on sex offender registries.

Students may not use cell phones or electronic communication devices while riding in school vehicles unless they have express permission to do so from the driver of the vehicle or the sponsor. Students may listen to i-pods and other mp-3 players with the permission of the driver or other adult sponsor.

Students shall be personally and solely responsible for the security of their electronic devices. The district is not responsible for theft, loss or damage of any electronic device, including or any calls or downloads.

Students who violate this policy will have their cell phones or electronic devices confiscated immediately. The administration will return confiscated devices after the student has:

- Paid the \$25 fee
- Served a detention

Students who violate this policy may, at the discretion of the school's administration, be subject to additional discipline, up to and including suspension or expulsion.

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