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6.4 – Wireless Communication Devices

The School Board is aware that parents and students use Wireless Communication Devices (WCDs) (laptops, chromebooks, tablets, smartphones, smartwatches, bluetooth devices (to include earbuds), etc.) to communicate with each other. However, the use of wireless communication devices on school grounds must be appropriately regulated to protect students, staff, and the learning environment.

Possession of a WCD by a student at school during school hours and/or during extracurricular activities is a privilege that may be forfeited by any student who fails to abide by the terms outlined in the Code of Conduct, or otherwise abuses this privilege.

Taking audio recordings, photographs or videos by any means whatsoever while on school property or while on school transportation is prohibited. The only exceptions to this rule are:

1. Taking photos or video for reproduction in a school sponsored publication.
2. Taking photos or video during a school sponsored social event, sporting event, awards ceremony or other school sponsored activity or function at which photography is allowed and the photographs are images of activities which are reasonably considered to be part of the activity or event.
3. Taking photographs or video with the permission of the school administration.

Publication on any internet site or social media platforms of any audio recordings, photographs, videos or images taken in violation of the rules listed above or recording fights or similar events is strictly prohibited and will be deemed disruptive to the order of the school. **and These actions are a violation of acceptable use of Wireless Technology Devices** and will be sufficient reason to impose disciplinary action.

All Students

1. Students may have a wireless communication device on school property, unless this privilege has been revoked. **While students may possess WCDs in school during non-instructional time, on school property, during after-school activities (e.g., extra-curricular activities) and at school-related functions, they must be powered completely off (i.e., not just placed into vibrate or silent mode) and stored out of sight during school hours.**
2. Students may NOT use a wireless communication device during instructional time, except when expressly directed by a teacher solely for educational purposes. A teacher shall designate an area for wireless communication devices during instructional time. [\(HB 379\)](#)

3. Students may not use an electronic device in areas considered personal space (i.e. - bathroom, locker room) and other areas designated by Administration.
4. Students may not use their Wireless Communication Devices to accept or make phone calls or video conferencing during school hours unless instructed to do so by Administration/School Personnel.

High School Only

Students may use an electronic device outside of school hours, during lunch break, at school related functions as determined by school administration, and extracurricular activities as long as the electronic devices are not audible. (cannot be heard by others)

***Use of a Wireless Communication Device during standardized testing is prohibited and can cause the student's test to be invalidated.

***Bannerman Learning Center and other alternative programs in the district will have site specific regulations regarding the use of wireless communication devices.