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USE OF CELL PHONES AND
ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN SCHOOLS

The Board prohibits the use of wireless communication devices by students during instructional hours and class time.

As used in this policy, "wireless communication device" means a portable electronic device capable of transmitting voice, text or data, including but not limited to a: 1) cellular phone, smartphone or smartwatch; 2) tablet computer; 3) laptop computer; or 4) gaming device.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a school principal may grant approval for possession and use of a wireless communication device by a student during class time or instructional hours for the following reasons:

- Health, safety, or emergency reasons.
- An individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 Service Agreement.
- Classroom or instructional-related activities, under the supervision of the classroom teacher.
- Other reasons determined appropriate by the building principal.

School principals may also make rules, with the approval of the Superintendent, to restrict student use of wireless communication devices during non-instructional hours within school buildings and programs, on school property, in school vehicles, and/or while students are attending school-sponsored activities. Other than as set forth herein, nothing in this policy prohibits the complete prohibition of student use or possession of wireless communication devices during the school day and/or at times during which the District has supervisory authority over students, or a school requirement that wireless communication devices be stored in a designated storage area inaccessible to students. Rules related to student use of electronic wireless communication devices during non-instructional hours may differ between the schools, locations within schools, times of day, grade level, programs, and activities, and individual students may have device privileges further limited as a consequence for violation of school rules. School principals shall notify students, staff and parents/guardians of applicable rules for the use of wireless communication devices within their buildings and programs.

Neither this policy nor any school rule shall prohibit students from using wireless communication devices for:

- text-to-speech, speech-to-text or other assistive technologies that aid in disability accessibility communication, navigation or learning; or
- use of the device for a medical necessity, an accommodation for a student with a disability, or as provided in a student's individualized education program or 504 plan.

Violations of this policy or any school rule related to wireless communication devices shall result in disciplinary action and may result in confiscation of the wireless communication device. In such event, school officials may determine whether to withhold and not return the confiscated device until a conference has been held with the student's parent/guardian. School officials who confiscate a wireless communication device for violation of this policy or school rules shall not search the contents of the device without reasonable suspicion that a search will reveal evidence of a violation of school rules or the law, and then only in compliance with the student's constitutional or other rights and as provided by policy.

This policy shall be published on the District website.

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LEGAL REF.: [22-1-17 NMSA](#)

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