

Richmond School District Policy Statement
Student Use of Electronic Communication Devices

Policy #: 443.5

Students are prohibited from using or possessing any electronic communication devices (ECDs) including, but not limited to, cell phones during the school day or at school sponsored activities that occur during the regular school day. ECD's may be brought to school by a student, but must remain in the student's locker and turned off until the end of the school day. The Board of Education recognizes that there may be special circumstances that necessitate student use of ECDs, such as a medical, educational, and/or family emergency. Therefore, students with the written consent of the District Administrator may be granted permission to possess and use ECDs.

If the use, or possession of an ECD is granted the use may not, in any way:

- A. disrupt the educational process in the School District
- B. endanger the health or safety of the student or anyone else
- C. invade the rights of others at school
- D. involve illegal or prohibited conduct of any kind

The use of an ECD in any locker room or restroom is prohibited at all times.

Students may use electronic devices, including cell phones, prior to first period and after last period of the day or with teacher permission for instructional purposes only. If a student is found using an electronic device or cell phone without permission;

1st offense - a warning will be given

2nd offense – the device will be held by staff until the end of day

3rd offense - the device will be confiscated and held in the office for the parent to pick up

If there are recurring offenses, the item will be confiscated and held in the office for parent pick up, in addition to Administrative consequences.

A device possessed or used by a student may be subject to an appropriately limited search by a District official when the official has reason to suspect that such a search may lead to evidence of a crime or a violation of Board policy or school rules. The scope of any such search will be limited to the suspected violation.

Neither this policy nor any school rules shall be construed to limit a student's ability to possess and appropriately use an electronic device that functions as assistive technology that is necessary for a student's education and that is required or authorized under an individualized education program (IEP) or a Section 504 plan.

Any student possessing an ECD shall be responsible for its care. At no time shall the District be responsible for preventing theft, loss or damage to any ECD. Lockers are not locked at Richmond.

Legal Reference:

Wisconsin Statutes

[Section 118.258](#) [student use and possession of electronic communication devices]

[Section 120.13\(1\)](#) [school board power to set conduct rules and discipline students]

[Section 175.22](#) [locker room privacy statute and policy requirement]
[Section 947.0125](#) [unlawful use of computerized communication device]
[Section 995.50\(2\)](#) [intrusion on the privacy of another]
[Section 995.55](#) [access to personal Internet accounts]

Cross References: Student Handbook

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