

Students and Electronic Devices

The Wenatchee School District believes that social media and unstructured access to personal electronic devices create barriers to learning. To foster a more constructive learning environment and promote healthy social and emotional development, the Wenatchee School District has created a cell phone-free school policy during the school day

Students possessing personal electronic devices, including but not limited to smartphones, tablets, wireless earbuds, smartwatches, and laptops, while on school property or attending school-sponsored or school-related activities, will adhere to the following conditions:

- A. **Device Use:** Personal electronic devices may be used only before and after the regular school day.
- B. **Acceptable Use:** Students must not use electronic devices in any way that disrupts the learning environment, violates the privacy rights of others, or compromises academic integrity;
- C. **Prohibited Content:** Students are prohibited from sending, sharing, viewing, or possessing sexually explicit content, as defined in RCW 9.68A.011, in any form on any electronic device while on school grounds, at school-sponsored events, or on school-provided transportation;
- D. **Confiscation:** School officials may confiscate a device if they have reasonable suspicion that a student is using it in violation of the law. The device will be returned only to the student's parent or legal guardian;
- E. **Search and Seizure:** By bringing electronic devices to school or school-sponsored events, students and their parents/guardians consent to the search of the device if school officials have reasonable suspicion that it will reveal a violation of the law or district policy. The scope of the search will be limited to the alleged violation. Content or images violating state or federal laws will be referred to law enforcement;
- F. **Responsibility for Devices:** Students are responsible for their own devices. The district is not liable for loss, theft, or damage to devices brought onto school property or to school-sponsored events;
- G. **Compliance with School Rules:** Students must comply with any additional rules established by the school regarding the appropriate use of electronic devices; and
- H. **Disciplinary Action:** Students violating this policy will be subject to disciplinary measures as outlined in Procedure 3241P.

Cross References: 4310 - District Relationships with Law Enforcement and other
 Government Agencies
 3241 - Student Discipline
 3207 - Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying
 2022 - Electronic Resources and Internet Safety

Management Resources: 2019 - October Policy Issue
 2010 - October Issue
 2010 - June Issue
 Policy News, February 2004 Evolution of Cell Phone Use

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