Policy 3245

Students

Student in possession of telecommunication devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, smartwatches, non-medical listening devices, and headsets, while on school property or while attending school – sponsored or school related activities will observe the following conditions:

A. Telecommunication devices will be accessed and operated only before and after the regular school day and during the student’s lunch break, unless an emergency situation exists that involves imminent physical danger or a school administrator authorizes the student to use the device;

B. Students will not use telecommunications devices in a manner that poses a threat to academic integrity, disrupts the learning environment, or violates the privacy rights of others;

C. Students will not send, share, view, or possess pictures, text messages, emails, or other material depicting sexually explicit conduct, as defined in RCW 9.68A.011, in electronic or any other form on a cell-phone or other electronic device, while the student is on school grounds, at school-sponsored events or on school buses or vehicles provided by the district.

D. When a school official has reasonable suspicion, based on objective and articulable facts, that a student is using a telecommunication device in a manner that violates the law or school rules, the official may confiscate the device, which will only be returned to the student’s parent or legal guardian;

E. Students are responsible for devices they bring to school. The district will not be responsible for loss, theft or destruction of devices brought onto school property or to school-sponsored events;

F. Students will comply with any additional rules developed by the school concerning the appropriate use of telecommunication or other electronic devices; and

G. Students who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action.

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