

## **STUDENT USE OF COMMUNICATION DEVICES**

This policy is meant to help maintain an educational focus in classrooms and other study areas and respect the needs of our students to have reasonable access to their phones and other electronic devices. We acknowledge that this is the age of instant communication as well as the need to maintain a proper environment for students, faculty and the educational process.

Possession and/or use of personal telecommunication devices, including mobile phones, pagers, iPods, iTouch, MP3 or other electronic devices may be used before or after school. If a device is being used during the school day, school personnel may confiscate it. If your child must have a personal telecommunication device, it must remain in their backpack, and **TURNED OFF** throughout the school day. Texting and/or videotaping are not permitted at any time during the school day.

*\*\*Devices may be used in conjunction with medical necessity and/or used in the classroom for educational unit purposes if pre-approved by administration\*\**

The use of mobile telephones or any device capable of capturing images is strictly prohibited in locker rooms, or restroom areas while at school and at school-related/sponsored events. The district is not responsible for any damaged, lost or stolen electronic device.

We ask that families and students use the main office when communicating messages from home or school. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in the confiscation of that device along with disciplinary action.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense: Student will be asked to surrender his/her device to school personnel and can pick up at the conclusion of the school day.*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: The device will need to be picked up by a parent/guardian in the main office and the student will receive disciplinary action related to our behavioral system. Student will be assigned a detention.*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: There will be a meeting with administration to create a personal electronics plan/contract for the remainder of the school year.*

The Granton Area School District shall not be responsible for the safety or security of personal electronic equipment that students choose to bring to school. The district may examine these devices and search their contents if there is reason to believe that school, state or federal laws, policies, rules, or regulations have been violated. Students that do not allow or cooperate when devices are confiscated by refusing to turn over the device or temporarily disabling the device are subject to further disciplinary action by the principal.

In addition, this policy shall be published annually in district student handbooks and newsletter. Whenever this policy is revised by the Board, the district administrator shall submit a copy of such policy to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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Legal Administrative Code:  
References: Wisconsin Statutes: 118.258