

## **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.

Cell phones, pagers, iPods, MP3s or other electronic devices are not to be used in the classrooms UNLESS authorized by the classroom teacher. Authorized use during classroom time is for ACADEMIC purposes only. Cell phones and other electronic devices are to be turned off or placed on silent mode during class. Students should keep these items in their pockets or lockers.

Any earpiece or similar equipment associated with said device is to be stored and NOT worn.

Cell phones, pagers, iPods, iTouch, MP3s or other electronic devices may be used before/after school, and lunch periods except in classrooms and the library.

Unauthorized use of these devices in the classrooms and the library is a violation of this policy. Violators of the policy will be subject to disciplinary action based upon the circumstances.

Disciplinary actions for violation of this policy:

- a) 1<sup>st</sup> offense: Item is confiscated and brought to the office for no less than one day, policy expectations are reviewed, and the student can pick up the item at the end of the day.
- b) 2<sup>nd</sup> offense: Item is confiscated and brought to the office for no less than one day, policy expectations are reviewed, parent is notified to pick up the item and student will be assigned a detention.
- c) 3<sup>rd</sup> offense: Item is confiscated and brought to the office for no less than one day, policy expectations are reviewed, parent is notified to pick up the item, student will lose privileges for 10 days (item must be submitted to office in the morning and picked up at the end of the day) as well as assigned a minimum of a half day ISS.

The use of camera and video phones is absolutely forbidden at any time in private areas, such as, locker rooms, washrooms, dressing areas, classrooms, and offices. Such use may also constitute a violation of the criminal code.

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