

STUDENT USE OF MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES

District 89 students may possess and use mobile telecommunication devices in school buildings and on school grounds within the parameters delineated in Policy 7:192 (the “Policy”) and herein. Mobile telecommunication devices are defined in Policy 7:192.

Transfer and Storage

1. Students must keep their mobile telecommunication devices turned **off** and in their backpacks, pockets, purses, or otherwise out of sight and not readily accessible while riding a school bus and when on school grounds prior to entering the school building and during normal school hours.
2. Students must keep their mobile telecommunication devices **off** and in their lockers before and during normal school hours when students are in the school or on school grounds. Elementary students must find a place for their mobile telecommunication devices that is not likely to be readily accessible during school hours. Elementary students do not have a locker that can be locked. For this reason, mobile telecommunication devices are at a greater risk of loss. All elementary students shall store their mobile telecommunication devices in a specific location in the school as determined by the Building Principal. Students are never to carry or use a mobile telecommunication device before and during normal school hours, including lunch or recess, unless (1) the student obtains administrative or teacher approval, (2) the student has a specific allowance for the use of a mobile telecommunication device provided in the student’s individualized education program (IEP), or (3) there is an emergency that threatens the safety of students, staff, or other individuals (collectively, “Exceptions to Prohibition on Use”). Student use of mobile telecommunication devices in the hallway, bathroom, locker room, classroom, or any other place in the school or on school grounds is prohibited before and during normal school hours except as permitted by one of Exceptions to Prohibition on Use.

Appropriate Use

Students may only use the voice-dialing/calling feature of a mobile telecommunication device:

1. After normal school hours only. During school hours students must use a school phone or pay phone unless the use is permitted by one of the Exceptions to Prohibition on Use;
2. Outside of the school building when possible or in the main entrance vestibule of the school building only;
3. In the school building or on school grounds **after** a school-related event such as a fun fair, party, dance, or sport activity.

Inappropriate Use that May Lead to Disciplinary Action

Students may **NOT** use mobile telecommunication devices except as permitted by the Appropriate Use section above and in the case of one of the Exceptions to Prohibition on Use. Any violation of the Policy or these rules and regulations, or use of a mobile telecommunication device beyond the intent of the Policy and these rules and regulations may subject a student to discipline in accordance with the District’s discipline policies.

Mobile telecommunication devices may not be used for creating, sending, sharing, viewing, receiving, or possessing obscene content, child pornography, or material that may be harmful to a

minor, including sexting (collectively, “Indecent Visual Depictions”) whether or not the terms are specifically defined by local, State, or Federal law. Possession is prohibited regardless of whether the depiction violates the law. Mobile telecommunication devices also may not be used to carry out any form of bullying, harassment, or threats of harm to another individual or group of individuals. Any mobile telecommunication device may be searched upon reasonable suspicion of Indecent Visual Depictions, harassment, cyber-bullying, or other violations of this policy. All violations may require school administrators to follow student discipline policies in addition to contacting the police and reporting suspected child abuse or neglect when appropriate.

Prohibition on Recording


Using a mobile telecommunication device as a recording device, either voice or image capturing, without the knowledge and consent of any individual whose voice or image is recorded is prohibited.

Illegal Use of Mobile Telecommunication Devices

Any illegal use of a mobile telecommunication device shall be referred to local law enforcement. Illegal use shall include use of a mobile telecommunication device for any communication or transaction deemed as illegal by local, state or federal law, and interfering with any fire, law, or safety related emergency.

CROSS REF: Policy 7:190 (Student Behavior); Policy 7:192 (Student Use of Mobile Telecommunication Devices); Policy 6:235 (Access to Electronic Networks); Regulation 6:235-R

LEGAL REF: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.28, 720 ILCS 5/11 et seq.

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