

Dietrich School District No. 314  
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Cell Phone

Cell phone use during the school day has become a serious classroom distraction. To keep the focus on learning, and distractions to a minimum, cell phones must be off and put away from 8:03-3:45. Cell phones may **not be used during passing periods or during lunch while on campus.**

We understand that families enjoy the convenience of communicating important family news by cell phones. However, because conversations infringe on the teacher and other students in the class, we ask families to leave emergency messages with our secretary, at 208-544-2158.

During school and school sponsored activities, students will comply with this policy and with administrative and staff member directives regarding use. Students are required to turn cell phones and other portable electronic devices over to school personnel when requested. Students who refuse to do so are subject to disciplinary action. The district assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to personal property of students, including cell phones and other portable electronic devices, whether in the possession of students or if confiscated by school personnel pursuant to this policy.

Possession of a cellular telephone or other ECD (Electronic Communication Device), by a student is a privilege, which may be forfeited by any student who fails to abide by the terms of this policy, or otherwise engages in misuse of the device so as to violate the law or any other school or District rule. **The following violations may result in severe disciplinary action** included but not limited to detention and all other school district discipline procedures.

- Accessing and/or viewing an internet site that is otherwise blocked to students at school.
- Sending an email, text message or other communication that harasses, intimidates, threatens, bullies, or discriminates against another individual.
- Using a camera device at school or a school-sponsored event to take, send, download or upload a harassing, threatening, or embarrassing photograph of anyone.
- Using a camera in a restroom, dressing room, or locker room.
- Using a camera or other recording device to record or capture the content of tests, assessments, homework, or classwork without express prior permission from the instructor.
- Using an ECD in a manner that could cause damage to an individual or the school community or create the danger of disruption of the academic environment.

- The contents of a cellular phone, camera, or other ECD may be searched to determine ownership, to identify emergency contacts, or upon reasonable suspicion that a school or District rule or the law has been violated.
- A cellular telephone or ECD that has been confiscated and not turned over to law enforcement will be released/returned to the parent/guardian when no longer necessary for investigation or disciplinary proceedings. As appropriate, the cellular telephone or ECD may be returned directly to the student.
- Cell phones that have been confiscated, due to violation of this policy may be picked up after school by the student for the first offense. Second offenses occur, the cell phone must be picked up after school by a parent/guardian only. Third offense cell phone will need to be turned into the office when they get to school and will be returned the end of the school day. Other discipline measures as determined by the administration may also be enforced according to district policy.

Policy History

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