

POSSESSION OF CELLULAR PHONES/MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES

The Monrovia Unified School District Board of Education acknowledges the importance of electronic communication between students and parents. Further, the Board recognizes the need to protect the educational process and instructional time from unnecessary disruptions.

Therefore, students may be given the privilege of having in their possession an electronic signaling device on school campuses during the school day, while attending school sponsored activities, or while under the supervision and control of a school district employee, provided that such devices do not disrupt the educational program or school activity and are not used for illegal or unethical activities, or activities that violate school rules or pose disruption.

Electronic signaling devices include any device that operates through transmission or receipt of radio waves, including but not limited to pagers, cellular telephones, and two-way radios.

Such electronic devices shall be powered off and deactivated and their use for any activity (phone, texting, photography, etc.) shall be strictly prohibited during instructional class time and during the school day (beginning bell to ending bell for elementary and middle schools) as outlined in school written rules (handbook etc.).

Use of electronic devices may be allowed, as follows:

1. during an emergency situation as outlined in the school handbook and/or as officially authorized by school officials.
2. upon direction from a licensed physician if carrying such a device is essential to and use is limited specifically to the health of the student.

If a disruption occurs, a student uses any mobile communications device for improper activities, or the device is found to be activated at prohibited times, then a school employee shall direct the student to turn off the device and shall confiscate it. The school employee shall then deliver the device to administration, where it shall be picked up by the parent/guardian. Further disciplinary measures may be taken.

A student who violates this policy may lose the privilege of possessing a mobile communications device at school or school-related events and/or may be subject to discipline in accordance with board policy and AR. Each school shall have a process for addressing misuse of electronic devices, including confiscation.

In permitting student possession of electronic signaling devices, the district assumes no liability for the loss of the device, damage, or its misuse.

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