

Student Use of Electronic Communication Devices

The charter school recognizes that electronic communication devices can play a vital communication role during emergency situations. However, ordinary use of electronic communication devices in charter school situations disrupts and interferes with the educational process and is not acceptable. For purposes of this policy, "electronic communication devices" include cell phones, beepers, pagers, walkie-talkies, and any other telecommunications device that emits an audible signal, vibrates, displays a message, or otherwise summons or delivers a communication to the possessor (e.g., Blackberry, Palm Pilot, etc.).

Students may carry electronic communication devices but these devices must be turned off inside charter school buildings, on charter school buses, at charter school-sponsored activities and on field trips. In these locations, electronic communication devices may be used only during emergencies. For purposes of this policy, "emergency" shall mean an actual or imminent threat to public health or safety, which may result in loss of life, injury or property damage.

Electronic communication devices with cameras are prohibited in bathrooms or other locations where such operation may violate the privacy rights of another person.

It is the student's responsibility to ensure that the device is turned off and out of sight during unauthorized times. Violation of this policy and/or use that violates any other charter board policy shall result in disciplinary measures and confiscation of the electronic communication device.

Confiscated devices shall be returned to the student only after a conference with the parent/guardian, student and charter school personnel. The administrator may also refer the matter to law enforcement, as appropriate.

The charter school shall not be responsible for loss, theft or destruction of electronic communication devices brought onto charter school property.

CROSS REFS.: JIC Student Conduct
JIH Student Interrogations, Searches and Arrests
JK Student Discipline

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