

Use of Electronic Communication Devices by Students

For the purposes of this policy, “electronic communication devices” (ECD) include cell phones, personal computers, tablets (e.g., iPad-like devices, e-readers, etc.), electronic readers, smartphones, pagers and/or other web enabled devices of any type. The purpose of this policy is to emphasize that student use of electronic communication equipment should be limited as much as possible during school hours in order to reduce cellular telephone related distractions in our classrooms.

Students in grades 9-12 may access their electronic communication devices (ECDs) during class changes and lunch, provided that their use does not create a distraction, disruption, or otherwise interfere with the educational environment. In the classroom, ECD use is at the teacher’s discretion. However, students are required to turn in their ECD to the teacher at the beginning of each class period, and it will be returned at the end of the period.

Students in grades 5-8 must keep their ECD in their school issued student locker during the school day.

Students in grades K-4 must keep their ECD in their backpack during the school day.

Cellular devices must remain in the “off” or “silent mode” at all times in order to not be a distraction to the school environment.

Students may use electronic communication devices while riding to and from school on a school bus or other Board provided vehicles or on a school bus or other Board provided vehicle during school sponsored activities, at the discretion of the bus driver, classroom teacher, sponsor, advisor or coach. Distracted behavior that creates an unsafe environment will not be tolerated.

Electronic communication devices may not be used where a school activity is occurring when a reasonable expectation of privacy exists (i.e., classrooms, gymnasiums, locker rooms, shower facilities, restrooms and any other area where students or others may change clothes or be in any stage or degree of disrobing or changing clothes). The Superintendent and Principal are authorized to determine other specific locations and situations where use of ECD’s are absolutely prohibited.

Students shall have no expectation of confidentiality with respect to their uses of ECD's on school premises/property. Students may not use an ECD in any way that might reasonably create in the mind of another person an impression of being threatened, humiliated, harassed, embarrassed, intimidated, bullied, or any other form of aggressive behavior. In particular, students are prohibited from using ECD's to: (1). Transmit material that is threatening, obscene, disruptive, or sexually explicit or that can be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based upon their race, color, national origin, sex including sexual orientation and/or transgender identity, disability, age, religion, ancestry, or political beliefs; and (2) engage in "sexting" (i.e., sending, receiving, sharing, viewing, or possessing pictures, text messages, emails or other materials of sexual nature in electronic or any other form.

The Clearview Local Schools district assumes no liability for these devices if broken, lost or stolen. Hence, students are personally and solely responsible for the care and security of the electronic communication devices.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a student may keep his or her electronic communication devices under the following circumstances, with prior approval of the building principal and/or Superintendent:

- A. The student has a special health condition that is medically documented by his or her physician; or
- B. If such use is documented in the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) program or Section 504 plan.

Discipline

If a student violates this policy, disciplinary measures will include any one or more of the following measures:

- 1. A verbal warning.
- 2. Secure the student's ECD in a teacher or administrator-controlled area for the duration of the day.
- 3. Secure the student's ECD in the school's main office to be picked up by the student's parent or guardian.
- 4. Schedule a conference with the student's parent or guardian to discuss the student's EDC use
- 5. Suspension from school.