

**ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES - STUDENTS**

443.6

The Board of Education believes that student use and possession of personal electronic devices during the normal school day are generally disruptive in the educational environment. Therefore, students are prohibited from using, two-way radios, pagers, cell phones and other electronic communication or entertainment equipment during the school day. However, students may use portable media players when they do not interfere with the learning environment and have the specific permission of the supervising teacher. High School students are allowed to use electronic communication devices during passing times and lunch periods, excluding classrooms, restrooms and locker rooms. Students who bring any of the above listed items to school do so at their own risk and must store the equipment in their locker. The Waunakee Community School District shall not be responsible for the safety or securing of personal electronic equipment that students choose to bring to school. The district may examine the personal electronic device and search its contents if there is a reason to believe that school policies, rules or regulations have been violated.

Use of a personal electronic device is subject to the provisions of the Waunakee Community School District Acceptable Use Policy (AUP).

1. Students who bring personal electronic devices to school are responsible for keeping their telephones turned off and in their locker during the school day, which includes the full period of time between the beginning of the first class and end of the last class of the school day, unless there is an emergency situation that jeopardizes the safety of students or staff. High School students are expected to keep their electronic communication devices turned off and not in use in classrooms, restrooms and locker rooms.
2. Student shall not turn on or use cellular telephones while being transported in authorized district vehicles to and from school to and from school-sponsored activities or field trips, unless they receive permission from the supervising teacher, coach or bus driver or there is an emergency situation that jeopardizes the safety of students, staff, chaperones or the bus driver.
3. Any parent/guardian who wants his/her child to use a personal electronic device at an unauthorized time may submit a request to the student's principal or his/her designee, explaining the reasons for the unauthorized use. The Principal's or his designee's decision shall be final.

Legal Ref.: Section 118.258 Wisconsin Statutes

Cross Ref: 443.61, Locker Room Privacy

Revised: March 1994

March 2002

May 2004

February 2009

July 2011

Waunakee Community School District