

5516 USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION AND RECORDING DEVICES (ECRD)

The Board of Education believes students and/or school staff members should not be subject to having a video or audio recording taken of any student(s) or school staff member(s) for any purpose without the consent of the student, the student's parent, and/or the school staff member. In addition to protecting the privacy rights of students and school staff members, the Board recognizes such recordings can be disruptive to the educational program. In addition, inappropriate recordings of educational material, student assessment instruments, and/or student assessment reviews can be used to compromise the integrity of the district's educational program or lead to academic dishonesty in the event such recordings are stored and/or transmitted to other students. Therefore, the Board of Education adopts this Policy regarding student use of electronic communication and recording devices.

"Electronic communication and recording device (ECRD)" includes any device with the capability to audio or video record or is capable of receiving or transmitting any type of communication between persons. An ECRD includes, but is not limited to, cameras, cellular and wireless telephones, pagers/beepers, laptop computers, electronic readers, personal digital assistants (PDAs), two-way radios, portable fax machines, video broadcasting devices, and any other device that allows a person to record and/or transmit, on either a real time or delayed basis, sound, video, or still images, text, or other information.

A student is not permitted to have turned on or use a Personal Electronic Device on school grounds during the school day or when the student is participating in a curricular or school-sponsored co-curricular activity. A student's Personal Electronic Device may only be used on school grounds before and after the school day or with the permission of a school staff member supervising the student in a curricular or school-sponsored co-curricular activity. The Personal Electronic Device should be turned off and kept in the student's lockers during the school day. Violation will result in confiscation of the items; they will be returned only to a parent or guardian. If a student needs to make a phone call during the day, he or she can go to the office.

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