

Davenport Central Appropriate Technology Use

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DCSD Board Policy

Cell Phones and Electronic Devices

The use of Cell Phones and other Electronic Devices during the curricular day is a privilege, not a right. The Board wants to ensure that cell phones or other electronic devices do not interfere with classroom instruction or cause problems for students or staff while on District property. The following stipulations are established by the Board to preserve the integrity of the learning environment:

- During classroom instruction, teachers may allow students to use electronic devices for instructional purposes;
- High School students are allowed to use cell phones or electronic devices during their designated lunch period;
- High School students are allowed to use cell phones or electronic devices during passing time;
- Any other use of cell phones or electronic devices is prohibited during the curricular day; curricular day being defined as morning bell to dismissal bell;
- Under no circumstances are electronic devices to be used to take photos or audio/video recordings of students in locker rooms, restrooms, or other private situations at school or at District sponsored activities.

Under special circumstances, students may need access to their cell phones. Should this occur, the student may request written permission of the principal or principal's designee to have access to their cell phone.

It is the responsibility of the Superintendent or superintendent's designee, in conjunction with the building principals, to develop a standard administrative regulation for this policy to provide consistency throughout the District for students.

TO HELP YOU OUT...

Every class will now have the following sign prominently displayed in class.



How the sign will be used

- When the sign is RED, electronic devices are to be put away. This includes earbuds, headphones, etc. Chromebooks will be allowed if the teacher states they will be used.
- When the sign is GREEN, the teacher will tell you what electronic devices are allowed and how they will be expected to be used.

Consequences

- When the sign is turned to RED, you will be expected to put your devices and earbuds away.
- If electronic devices are seen after the sign is turned, one reminder/warning will be given.
- If the device is not put away after this point, the student will be issued a referral for defiance and will be sent to the appropriate administrator. Consequences will be administered accordingly.
- A log will be kept, and if this is a recurring issue, progressive disciplinary action (more severe consequences for chronic defiance) may be administered.

RESPECT

In reality, the whole issue revolves around respect. We all need to respect the learning environment, your classmates, your teachers, and the expectations that are in place. This means that we will ALL follow these expectations--both students and adults.

We are trying to be respectful of your desire to use your electronic devices at appropriate times and in appropriate ways. We believe that the consistency provided through this system will help all of us concentrate and learn.