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CELL PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC PORTABLE COMMUNICATION DEVICES

Students may possess, display, and use cell phones and other Electronic Portable Communication Devices only as set forth in this policy and accompanying administrative regulations.

"Electronic Portable Communication Devices" are defined to include portable two-way telecommunication devices, including but not limited to cell phones or cell phone/cameras (whether used for voice or text or visual communications or any other use), walkie-talkies, iPods, PDAs (personal digital assistants), versions of Play Station, and other hand-held computing devices (when such device is being used as a communication device).

This definition also includes any new technology developed for or adapted to similar purposes. Excluded from this definition is any device including cell phones with communication capabilities that has been approved for instructional purposes when it is used under direction of educational staff or administrators.

Students whose IEP specifically requires use of an Electronic Portable Communication Device may use such device at such times in such ways as defined by the IEP.

Students are permitted to bring cell phones onto school property provided that the cell phones are turned off during the instructional day, defined as extending from the first to last bell. No Electronic Portable Communication Devices other than cell phones may be used in school buildings (including athletic fields) at any time during the instructional day, except for instructional purposes when used under the direction of educational staff or administrators. Students are prohibited from possessing remotely activated paging devices (beepers) on school property at any time except to the extent permitted under N.J. S.A. 2C:33-19.

In each school building the Building Principal shall have the discretion to permit the use of electronic devices during the school day and at other times, and for other purposes. Electronic Portable Communication Devices will be considered in use if a student has it in hand or it is being used via ear phones.

Rules regarding the use of cell phones and other Electronic Portable Communication Devices are to be disseminated to all students in Student/Parent Handbooks and/or by communication from Building Principals.

The West Orange Board of Education will not be liable for lost, damaged or stolen cell phones or other Electronic Portable Communication Devices. All such devices are carried at the sole risk of the owner.

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