

**DESCRIPTOR TERM:****Students****Millard District Policy****File Code: 6060****Approved: 12-12-13**

**THE USE OF PERSONAL ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES**  
**BY STUDENTS**

**Purpose**

The Board of Education authorizes the administration to implement procedures that allow students to possess electronic communication devices in a restricted and regulated manner, while on school property. Such devices shall not be used for or associated with any unlawful activities. Violation of this policy and its procedures will subject the student to disciplinary consequences.

**Definition**

Personal electronic communication devices mean: cellular telephones, cameras, pagers, radios, MP3 players, portable electronic players, laser pointers, tablets, and similar devices.

**Procedures****A. Use of Personal Electronic Communication Devices**

Student possession and use of personal electronic communication devices must conform to the following restrictions:

1. Personal electronic devices may not be accessed in classrooms, except with teacher permission.
2. The use of personal electronic communication devices are prohibited during end of level assessments unless specifically allowed by statute, regulation, student Individual Educational Plan (IEP), or assessment directions.
3. Personal electronic communication devices shall not be used for or associated with unlawful purposes.
4. Using a personal electronic communication device to take and/or transmit digital photographic images and/or transmit pictures of an individual, where an invasion of privacy occurs, on school premises or any other location during a school-related activity is prohibited. Pictures taken of an individual without

- consent could be considered an invasion of privacy. Digital cameras may be used by students as designated by classroom teachers and/or the building principal.
5. Students shall be personally responsible for the security of their personal electronic communication devices. The District assumes **NO** responsibility for theft, loss, or damage of such devices.
  6. Any use of personal electronic communication devices in areas when privacy is expected is prohibited. These areas would include, but not limited to, restrooms, dressing rooms, locker rooms, etc.

## **B. Violations**

Students who fail to abide by the policy and regulations regarding use and possession of personal electronic communication devices shall be subject to disciplinary action as set forth below:

1. Upon the first offense, the student's electronic device will be confiscated, and sent to the principal's office, and returned to the student or his/her parent/guardian at the end of the school day. Alternative disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, suspension, may be imposed in response to a first violation of these procedures when deemed necessary by the administration based on the circumstances surrounding the offense.
2. Upon the second offense, the student's electronic device will be confiscated, and sent to the principal's office, and returned to the student's parent/guardian at the end of the school day. Disciplinary action may be imposed in a response to a second violation of these procedures when deemed necessary by the administration based on the circumstances surrounding the offense.
3. Any further offenses will result in the student's loss of privileges to bring electronic communication devices for a designated length of time or on a permanent basis and/or up to three days out-of-school suspension. Students may also be subject to other disciplinary consequences, including, but not limited to, detention, suspension up to ten days and/or expulsion when deemed necessary by the administration based on the circumstances surrounding the offense.
4. The use of any personal electronic communication device or camera to threaten, intimidate or embarrass another or to capture and transmit test information or any other information in a manner constituting fraud, theft, or academic dishonesty will be disciplined according to the District's Student Conduct Policy, File Code 6100, and Safe Schools Policy, File Code 6090 and/or referred to law enforcement where appropriate.

5. Students using electronic devices for unlawful purposes will be disciplined according to the District's Student Conduct Policy, File Code 6100, and Safe Schools Policy, File Code 6090 and/or referred to law enforcement where appropriate.
6. Educators may implement additional classroom disciplinary measures for student use of personal electronic communication devices.

**C. Exceptions**

Exceptions to the prohibitions set forth in this policy may be made for health, safety or emergency reasons with prior approval of the building principal or designee, or when use is provided for in a student's individualized education program (IEP).

*Authority: 53A-3-402(15) 53A-11-901 et seq. Utah code Annotated*