

**SERIES 400
STUDENTS**

443.5

STUDENT POSSESSION OR USE OF PERSONAL ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

The Marshall Public Schools Board of Education shall allow students to possess cellular telephones during the school day on school premises and at school-sponsored activities.

Unless there are clear guidelines and appropriate supervision, students' use of personal electronic devices during the instructional day can be disruptive to the learning environment. Therefore, students may only use personal electronic devices during the school day under the specific circumstances and conditions authorized in this policy or outlined in the parent/student handbook.

Conditions for Possession of Personal Electronic Devices

In general, students are permitted to possess a personal electronic device in the school setting as long as the device does not serve as a distraction to the learning environment:

- A. During class time, unless used for educational purposes with permission from the teacher.
- B. In any school bathroom, locker room, or other dressing area at any time.

Such a device shall be considered stored if it is outside of view and reasonably secured in a locker, backpack/purse or pocket.

For purposes of this policy, "personal electronic devices" are defined as personally owned cellular telephones, personal digital assistants, personal media devices, electronic games, digital cameras, or any other electronic device with communications functions and/or the capability to capture, record, transmit and/or play back voice or image information.

1. Students who bring any device to school do so at their own risk of possible loss, theft, damage or liability. This is true even if the device has to be confiscated for violation of this policy. Marshall Public Schools shall not be responsible for the safety or securing of personal electronic equipment that students choose to bring to school.
2. Students may be permitted to use a device at times designated by the principal or with teacher permission.
3. Any student who possesses or uses a device and/or associated equipment that is not stored, or in a manner that violates this board policy or any other policy or school rule shall be subject to consequences, including, but not necessarily limited to, disciplinary action, required surrender of the device, and/or potentially having his/her privilege of using a device at school further restricted by the school principal or his/her designee.

If there is reasonable suspicion that a student possesses, on school grounds or on district authorized transportation, a personal electronic device with information that violates the law or school policies, school officials may examine the device and search its contents relevant to the suspected violation. Such searches will be conducted in accordance with board policy.

4. Use of a device is subject to the provisions of the Marshall Public Schools Acceptable Use Policy (363.2).
5. Students shall annually be provided with a copy of the rules that govern the possession and use of the devices covered by this policy.
6. Nothing within this policy shall be construed to limit a student's ability to use a device in a manner that functions as assistive technology necessary for a student's education and this is required under an individualized education plan or a Section 504 agreement.

Violations of this policy shall result in disciplinary action in accordance with the parent-student handbook in effect for the student's school.

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