

	SECTION: J - Students DIVISION: JF – Student Rights and Responsibilities	
	POLICY: JFCK – STUDENT USE AND/OR POSSESSION OF HANDHELD ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION AND ENTERTAINMENT DEVICES	APPROVED 07/10/1990 REVISED 10/26/1999 06/22/2009 10/27/2014 REVIEWED

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Cross Reference: JG - Student Discipline; JFCKL – Locker Room Privacy; Student Handbooks

The Board of Education believes that student use and possession of personal electronic devices during the normal school day are generally disruptive in the educational environment. Therefore, students are generally prohibited from using cell phones and other electronic communication or entertainment equipment during the school day. However, students may use portable media players when they do not interfere with the learning environment and have the specific permission of the supervising teacher. High School students are allowed to use electronic communication devices during passing times and lunch periods, excluding classrooms, restrooms and locker rooms. Students who bring their own electronic devices to school do so at their own risk and must store the equipment in their locker. The School District of Monroe shall not be responsible for the safety or securing of personal electronic equipment that students choose to bring to school. The district may examine the personal electronic device and search its contents if there is a reason to believe that school policies, rules or regulations have been violated.

Use of a personal electronic device is subject to the provisions of the School District of Monroe Acceptable Use Policy (IIBK).

1. Principals are authorized to establish school rules and acceptable use guidelines for limited, non-disruptive use of electronic devices during the school day in the school building or during school activities for safety, medical, vocational or other legitimate reasons.

2. Any parent/guardian who wants his/her child to use a personal electronic device at an unauthorized time may submit a request to the student's principal or his/her designee, explaining the reason for the unauthorized use. The Principal's or his/her designee's decision shall be final.

3. Cameras or electronic communication devices shall not be used:
 - In areas where one would reasonable expect privacy, i.e. locker rooms, bathrooms, etc.
 - To communicate test answers, photograph tests, or engage in any other conduct that enables students to cheat.
 - To share or post personal information about, or images of, any other student or staff member without permission from that student or staff member.
 - To engage in cyber-bullying – placing cell phone calls or sending text messages that ridicule, threaten or harass another student or staff member.
 - To take, disseminate transfer or share obscene, pornographic, lewd or otherwise illegal images or photographs.

4. The inappropriate use of electronic devices by students while on campus or engaging in school activities is subject to disciplinary action. The inappropriate use of such devices by students while off campus and not engaging in school activities may also be subject to disciplinary action if such conduct endangers the health, safety or property of others at school or under the supervision of school authorities and/or causes a material and substantial disruption to the school environment or school activities. Also, students involved in activities that interfere with the rights of other students to participate fully in school or extracurricular activities will be in violation of this policy.

5. Electronic devices that are inappropriately used may be confiscated and held by school officials for return to the student on minor infractions or parent(s)/guardian(s) for more severe infractions. The cell phone may be retained for disciplinary reasons, or turned over to law enforcement officers as described above.