

Personal Telecommunication and Electronic Media Devices Policy

Possession and Use

To ensure an appropriate academic environment inside and outside the classroom setting it is essential to adhere to the guidelines below. This policy is necessary to ensure respectful and non-disruptive use of personal electronic devices at Bullitt East High School as well as promote positive social skills and development. While on school property or while attending school-sponsored or school-related activities, whether on or off school property, students shall be permitted to possess and use personal telecommunications devices as defined by law and other related electronic devices, provided they observe the following conditions:

- 1. Devices shall be used for educational purposes only.**
2. Devices shall not be used in a manner that disrupts the educational process, including, but not limited to, use that:
 - a. Poses a threat to academic integrity, such as cheating;
 - b. Violates confidentiality or privacy rights of another individual. This includes, but is not limited to, taking photographs, video, or audio recordings of others without the permission of the Principal/designee and the affected individual(s). An exception may be made for events considered to be in the public arena (e.g. sporting events, academic competitions, or performances to which the general public is admitted) where the activity does not materially disrupt the event, prevent others from observing the event, or otherwise violate the legal rights. School social events for students, activities sponsored by student clubs, and activities during the school day that are not open to the public are not considered to be in the public arena;
 - c. Is profane, indecent, or obscene;
 - d. Constitutes or promotes illegal activity or activity in violation of school rules; or
 - e. Constitutes or promotes sending, sharing, or possessing sexually explicit messages, photographs, or images using any electronic device.

These restrictions shall not be interpreted to prohibit material protected under the state or federal constitutions where such material does not otherwise materially or substantially disrupt the education process or intrude upon the rights of others.

3. Unless an emergency situation exists that involves imminent physical danger, or a certified employee authorizes the student to do otherwise, devices shall be turned on and operated only before and after the regular school day and during hall breaks and the student's lunch break. School Councils may modify this restriction to meet educational or instructional needs and with Board approval.
4. When students violate prohibitions of this policy, they shall be subject to disciplinary action, including losing the privilege of bringing the device onto school property and being reported to their parent/guardian. A violation also may result in a report being made to law enforcement. In addition, an administrator may confiscate the device, which shall only be returned to the student's parent/guardian. **The determination of disciplinary action will be made by the PBIS Committee, followed by certified personnel, and carried out by school administrators.**

5. Students are responsible for devices they bring to school. The District shall not be responsible for loss, theft, or destruction of devices brought onto school property.
6. Students shall comply with any additional rules developed by the school concerning appropriate use of telecommunication or other electronic devices.
7. Students shall not utilize a telecommunication or similar electronic device in a manner that would violate the District's Acceptable Use policy or procedures or its Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline.