

**WINNER SCHOOL DISTRICT 59-2
OFFICIAL SCHOOL BOARD POLICY**



Electronic Devices

High School and Middle School students (Grades 6-12)

MS/HS students may use electronic devices during non-instructional times such as passing period, lunch and before and after school. HS/MS students will either keep their cell phone in their locker or place it the area designated by the classroom teacher when entering the classroom. If the device is interrupting class, distracting others, or negatively affecting a student's concentration or academic progress, it may be confiscated by the teacher and turned in to the office. The list of electronic devices includes, but is not exclusive to, cell phones, iPods, MP3 players, and other devices used to play music, videos, display pictures or messages, or communicate with other people. Illegal, improper, or unauthorized use of the device will result in the device being confiscated by the teacher, school administrator, or any other building staff member.

Elementary School Students (Grades BG-5)

Elementary school students may use cellphone and media devices before and after school hours. Devices must be turned off and stored in student backpacks throughout the school day. Any student using their cellphone and portable media device during the school day without permission will be subject to disciplinary action.

Students found in severe violation of this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion. Severe violations of this policy involve highly inappropriate activities including but not limited to:

1. Electronic communication that contains inappropriate content, profanity, intimidation or threats to others;
2. Academic dishonesty or cheating;
3. The use of camera or recording features in restrooms, locker rooms or any use constituting an invasion of any person's reasonable expectation of privacy;
4. Communicating in any way with outside groups or individuals to participate in violent acts or other inappropriate or unlawful activities on school property or at school sponsored activities; or
5. Refusal to relinquish cell phone or portable digital media devices to persons of authority upon request.