

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 719
PRIOR LAKE - SAVAGE AREA SCHOOLS**525.1 STUDENT USE OF CELLULAR PHONES, DIGITAL IMAGING DEVICES AND OTHER PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES****I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to set forth expectations for appropriate use of existing and emerging technologies which students may possess, including but not limited to cellular phones, digital picture/video cameras and/or camera phones, iPods, MP3s, and other personal electronic devices capable of transmitting data or images.

II. DEFINITIONS**III. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

The school district holds high expectations for student behavior, academic integrity and responsible use of existing and emerging technologies, such as cellular phones, digital picture/video cameras and/or phones and other personal electronic devices capable of capturing and/or transmitting data or images. Students who possess and/or use such devices at school or school sponsored events shall demonstrate the greatest respect for the educational environment and the rights and privacy of all individuals within the school community.

STANDARDS FOR RESPONSIBLE USE AT SCHOOL, ON BUSES OR AT SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- A. Respect for the educational environment
 - 1. Students shall not use any electronic device that in any way disrupts or detracts from the educational environment.
 - 2. Students will not be allowed to leave class in response to any electronic devices.
 - 3. Cellular phones and other devices may be used appropriately and respectfully before and after classes, in common areas—such as near lockers or the cafeteria—or outside on school grounds.
 - 4. With approval, teachers may permit the purposeful use of personal electronic devices in support of curriculum learning objectives.
- B. Respect for privacy rights:
 - 1. Students shall not photograph or videotape other individuals at school or at school sponsored activities without their knowledge and consent, except for activities considered to be in the public arena such as sporting events or public performances.
 - 2. Use of cellular phones or other personal electronic devices is strictly prohibited in locker rooms and restrooms.
- C. Assuring academic integrity: Students shall not use cellular phones or other electronic devices in any way that may cause a teacher or staff member to question whether the

student may be cheating on tests or academic work or violating copyright policy.

- D. Compliance with Other District Policies: Use of cellular phones or other personal electronic devices must not violate any other district policies, including those regarding student privacy, copyright, cheating, plagiarism, civility, student code of conduct, electronic technologies acceptable use, or harassment. If a violation occurs involving more than one District policy, consequences for each policy will apply.

VIOLATIONS OF THIS POLICY

- A. An employee shall direct the student to turn off the device.
- B. The employee may confiscate the device and turn it in to the school office where the student may retrieve it at the end of the school day.
- C. At the principal's discretion, result in additional disciplinary action.

DISSEMINATION OF POLICY

This policy shall be included in the Student/Parent Handbook, posted to the district web site, and otherwise distributed upon request.

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