

Wireless Communication Devices (WCD)

Parkview School District is one-to-one with a district provided wireless device. A personal wireless communication device (PWCD) is not necessary for instruction and presents a distraction to student learning. A “wireless communication device” means a portable wireless device that has the capability to provide voice, messaging, or other data communication between 2 or more parties and includes but is not limited to all of the following:

- a. A cellular telephone
- b. A tablet computer
- c. A laptop computer
- d. A gaming device
- e. A wearable device, ie. Smartglasses. Smartwatch

Personal Wireless Communication Devices are NOT allowed during class time or at assemblies. This PWCD expectation is meant to balance responsible use of PWCD during the school day with the need to maintain an engaging, distraction-free learning environment. PWCD shall not be used in a way that disrupts the learning environment. Students are encouraged to leave their PWCD in their locker during class time. Students who choose to keep them on their person must have them powered off and/or silenced during class time. Students may use devices during lunch with permission, during passing times (Parkview Jr/Sr High), before and after school and during school emergencies, such as a severe weather emergency that prevents students from leaving the building at their regular time or a safety threat, such as an armed intruder. PWCD may not be used in the hallways during class time, in restrooms or locker rooms at any time – Policy #731.1 Locker Room/Restroom Privacy. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in loss of privileges in the building and confiscation of the device. Possession of a PWCD by students is a privilege and not a right. The District is not responsible for the safety or security of PWCD that students choose to bring to school.

Exceptions to the prohibition for all of the following:

- a. In the event of an emergency or a perceived threat.
- b. To manage the pupil’s health care.
- c. A use included in a pupil’s individualized education program or a plan developed under section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
- d. A use authorized by a teacher for educational purposes during instructional time.

If parents or guardians need to contact a student during the school day, please contact the School Office. Students may use a PWCD while riding a school bus or other district vehicle to and from school; however, students may not use a PWCD in a way that might reasonably create in the mind of another person an impression of being threatened, humiliated, harassed, embarrassed, or intimidated. In particular, students are prohibited from using PWCD to 1. Transmit material that is threatening, obscene, disruptive, or sexually explicit or that can be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based upon race; color; national origin; sex including sexual orientation or transgender identity; disability; age; religion; ancestry; or political beliefs; and 2. Engage in sexting, i.e., sending, receiving, sharing, viewing, or possessing pictures, text messages, emails, or

other materials of a sexual nature in an electronic or any other form. Violations of these prohibitions shall result in disciplinary action. Furthermore, such actions will be reported to local law enforcement and child services as required by law.

Students are allowed to use PWCD at the following times:

1. In hallways and at lockers before and after school
2. During passing time at the Jr/Sr High
3. During lunch periods with permission
4. After school and during extracurricular events and activities
5. On field trips at the discretion of staff and with administrative approval

Consequences:

A student using their PWCD inappropriately will have their PWCD confiscated and will result in disciplinary action in accordance with the discipline handbook. Refusal to turn in their actual PWCD will result in disciplinary action in accordance with the discipline handbook.

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