

STUDENT POSSESSION/USE OF CELLULAR TELEPHONES
AND OTHER PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICES

For the purpose of this policy “Portable Electronic Devices” is defined to include portable two-way telecommunication devices, including but not limited to, cellular telephones and other hand-held technology devices. Community School District students are permitted in authorized areas of the building to display, activate, or use cellular telephones or other portable electronic devices (including, tablets, laptop computers, MP3 players or any other electronic device) at any time during normal school hours including outdoor or off-campus activities if it has been approved for use by a building administrator.

Students and parents should also be aware that the inappropriate use of such devices will lead to the device being confiscated pending an investigation by school personnel and/or law enforcement.

Examples of inappropriate use include but are not limited to:

1. Taking or possessing pictures, audio, or videos of others without permission.
2. Even when permission is granted, when pictures, audio, or video sheds a negative perception on students, staff, faculty, administration, or the school district.
3. Using electronic devices to harass others.
4. Sending inappropriate texts, pictures, or videos.
5. Spreading rumors or using devices in any manner which causes a disruption at school.
6. Possessing lewd or obscene photos.
7. Attempting to bypass District filter and firewall.

Portable electronic devices are not to be activated or used during emergency drills or during emergencies unless directly authorized by a school district administrator. Authorized instances might include: when a student believes he/she is in imminent danger, needs to report a medical emergency, or other emergency the he/she feels that the communication will assist.

Electronic devices are not to be used or visible during class time.

Clinton Community Schools reserves the right to bypass offense stages depending on the severity of the infraction. The Superintendent will review and update revisions to the Board of Education as needed.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 279.8; 280.14 (2014).

Cross Reference: 502 Student Rights and Responsibilities

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