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**Student Use of Cellular Telephones and
Other Electronic Devices**

The Board recognizes that many students possess cellular telephones and other electronic devices. These devices may not be used in any manner that disrupts the educational process or violates Board policies or school rules. MSAD#54 is not responsible for damage, loss, or theft of such devices. The Superintendent is authorized to develop, with input from administrators, any school rules necessary to implement this policy (sample attached).

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Other Electronic Devices**

1. Students are prohibited from using privately-owned electronic devices, including but not limited to cellular telephones, Blackberries, handheld computers, MP3 players and electronic games during classes and school activities, including study halls, field trips and extracurricular activities.
 - a. During the school day all such devices must be turned off.
 - b. The only exception to this rule is when a teacher specifically authorizes students to use such a personal electronic device for a specific purpose (such as entering an assignment in a PDA).
 - c. If this rule is violated, the teacher will immediately confiscate the device for the remainder of the school day, and discipline may be imposed as provided below.
2. The use of cameras, including camera phones, is strictly prohibited in restrooms, and classrooms. In other school locations, students are required to obtain permission before photographing any individual at any time.
3. Any use of cellular telephones and other electronic devices that violates any Board policy, administrative procedure, or school rule is strictly prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to violations of the student code of conduct, harassment, and cheating.
4. Students violating these rules will be subject to discipline, which may include:
 - a. Exclusion of the device from school for an extended period;
 - b. Sanctions ranging from detention to expulsion from school depending upon the nature of the offense and the student's disciplinary record.