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ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES ON SCHOOL PREMISES

The Evansville Community School District restricts student use of electronic communication devices while on premises owned or rented by or under the control of a school of the Evansville District.

Electronic devices such as cell phones, music players, game players, and PDA's shall not be used in any way that disrupts the learning environment. Devices may only be used before the start of the school day or after the end of the school day unless the written policy of the building provides otherwise. Devices at grades K-12 are governed by the student handbooks. Administrative approval may be given if circumstances indicate other use is necessary. Devices such as phones or cameras may not be used in restrooms or locker rooms at any time. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in confiscation of the device and it will only be returned to the parent/guardian. Further consequences, up to and including expulsion, may be necessary depending on the severity of the offense.

During local or other emergencies, an announcement may be made for all student electronic communication devices to be turned off, so emergency networks are not overwhelmed.

Building principals shall inform students and their parents/guardians of this policy by publishing the above statement along with the details of use in the building in the student and parent handbooks.

Legal Ref.: Sections 118.258 Wisconsin Statutes (Electronic Communication Devices Prohibited)

120.13(1) (School Board Powers)

947.0125 (Unlawful Use of Computerized Communication Systems)

995.50(2)(a) (Right of Privacy)