

ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

Possession and Use of Personal Telecommunications Devices, Including Mobile Telephones

For safety purposes, the district permits students to possess personal mobile telephones; however, these devices must remain turned off during the instructional day, including during all testing, unless they are being used for approved instructional purposes. A student must have approval to possess other telecommunications devices such as netbooks, laptops, tablets, or other portable computers.

The use of mobile telephones or any device capable of capturing images is strictly prohibited in locker rooms or restroom areas while at school or at a school-related or school-sponsored event.

Confiscated telecommunications devices that are not retrieved by the student or the student's parents will be disposed of after the notice required by law. [See policy FNCE.]

In limited circumstances and in accordance with law, a student's personal telecommunications device may be searched by authorized personnel. [See **Searches** on page 54 and policy FNF.]

Any disciplinary action will be in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. The district will not be responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen telecommunications devices.

Possession and Use of Other Personal Electronic Devices

Except as described below, students are not permitted to possess or use personal electronic devices such as MP3 players, video or audio recorders, DVD players, cameras, games, e-readers, or other electronic devices at school, unless prior permission has been obtained. Without such permission, teachers will collect the items and turn them in to the principal's office. The principal will determine whether to return items to students at the end of the day or to contact parents to pick up the items.

In limited circumstances and in accordance with law, a student's personal electronic device may be searched by authorized personnel. [See **Searches** on page 54 and policy FNF.]

Any disciplinary action will be in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. The district will not be responsible for any damaged, lost, or stolen electronic device.

Instructional Use of Personal Telecommunications and Other Electronic Devices

In some cases, students may find it beneficial or might be encouraged to use personal telecommunications or other personal electronic devices for instructional purposes while on campus. Students must obtain prior approval before using personal telecommunications or other personal electronic devices for instructional

use. Students must also sign a user agreement that contains applicable rules for use (separate from this handbook). When students are not using the devices for approved instructional purposes, all devices must be turned off during the instructional day. Violations of the user agreement may result in withdrawal of privileges and other disciplinary action.

ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

Glen Rose Jr. High DOES permit cell phone or electronic device usage during the school day for academic purposes AND with the consent of the teacher.

- Cell phones are to remain silenced or turned off at all times so as to not disturb the class.
- Students are NOT allowed to receive or make calls at school.
- Texting is NOT allowed during the school day.

Cell phones and electronic devices are allowed for academic purposes and the security that it offers students and parents regarding transportation in emergency situations. **Students must realize it is a privilege, not a right, to have phones on campus and any misuse of the device will involve disciplinary action and the device being held in the office until parents can retrieve it.**

Each teacher has their own classroom rules and students must adhere to those requirements. If the teacher requires that electronic devices are NOT allowed in their classrooms, the students must adhere to the rules. For example: test security and safety of students. **It is not for the student to challenge the teacher on classroom rules. Those are established by each teacher and are expected to be followed without question.**

Due to the safety and security of staff and students, taking photos or recording videos is NOT allowed without prior consent from the teacher and/or the persons in the photo/video. It is expected that a great deal of academically related recording will take place. JUST REMEMBER, all recording must be pre- approved.

The GRJH Staff is aware of all security issues and students may not assume it is permissible to record without their permission. **Any publishing of material via text, photo, video, or to any social media site or any other form without permission by the teacher will result in serious disciplinary action.**

Students ARE allowed to use their phones or electronic devices during the lunch period for music, games or academics. No texting, calling, photo/video, or social media is allowed.

OFFENSES:

1st: Parent and/or guardian will need to pick-up the student's electronic device.

2nd: Student will have 1 day of In School Suspension and the parent and/or guardian will need to pick-up the student's electronic device.

3rd: Multiple days of In School Suspension will be assigned. Parent and/or guardian will need to pick-up the student's electronic device.

Acceptable Use of District Technology Resources

To prepare students for an increasingly technological society, the district has made an investment in the use of district-owned technology resources for instructional purposes; specific resources may be issued individually to students. Use of these technological resources, which include the district's network systems and use of district equipment, is restricted to approved purposes only. Students and parents will be asked to sign a user agreement (separate from this handbook) regarding use of these district resources. Violations of the user agreement may result in withdrawal of privileges and other disciplinary action.

Unacceptable and Inappropriate Use of Technology Resources

Students are prohibited from possessing, sending, forwarding, posting, accessing, or displaying electronic messages that are abusive, obscene, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another's reputation, or illegal. This prohibition also applies to conduct off school property, whether the equipment used to send such messages is district-owned or personally owned, if it results in a substantial disruption to the educational environment.

Any person taking, disseminating, transferring, possessing, or sharing obscene, sexually oriented, lewd, or otherwise illegal images or other content, commonly referred to as "sexting," will be disciplined according to the Student Code of Conduct, may be required to complete an educational program related to the dangers of this type of behavior, and, in certain circumstances, may be reported to law enforcement. Because engaging in this type of behavior can lead to bullying or harassment, as well as possibly impede future endeavors of a student, we encourage you to review with your child <http://beforeyoutext.com>, a state-developed program that addresses the consequences of engaging in inappropriate behavior using technology.

In addition, any student who engages in conduct that results in a breach of the district's computer security will be disciplined in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct, and, in some cases, the consequence may rise to the level of expulsion.