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## **SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEBSTER**

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**Policy Title: Personal Electronic Device Policy**

Personal “Devices” include but are not limited to computers, tablets, cell phones, any device with cellular, Bluetooth, and/or network connectivity.

Wisconsin State Statute 118.258 “Electronic Communication Devices Prohibited” states that “Each school board may adopt rules prohibiting a pupil from using or possessing an electronic communication device while on premises owned or rented by or under the control of a public school.”

The Webster School District policy on personal electronic devices states the following:

Webster High School:

- Students can use their personal electronic devices:
  1. Before and after school
  2. During their own lunch period
  3. During nutrition break
  4. During passing periods
  5. During class periods, upon entering the classroom, the device must be stored away and not seen nor heard (ie. in the pocket or case, and on silent mode) unless permission is specifically granted by the teacher.

Webster Middle School:

- Students can use their personal electronic devices:
  1. Before and after school
  2. During passing periods at their lockers only
  3. Before nutrition break and before lunch at their lockers only
  4. In the classroom for instructional purposes only with teacher's permission

Webster Elementary School:

- Students are not permitted to use their personal electronic devices during the school day hours of operation. They should be secured in lockers and turned off for the duration of all instructional time. Personal electronic devices are not permitted in the classrooms at any time.
- Students cannot use personal electronic devices during instruction time unless otherwise permitted by the instructor for classroom related activities. This includes the classroom, in the hallways, bathroom, or anywhere else in the building during instruction time.

Staff will educate students on etiquette and safety information regarding personal digital device use including posting pictures, copyright, privacy and cyber bullying.

Violations include talking, texting, phone ringing (even on vibrate), taking pictures, or any other use regarding a personal digital device **during instruction time**. Any student that uses their

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phone to send inappropriate pictures, or text messages at any time between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. will be subject to the consequences of the cell phone policy.

Students shall not use electronic devices:

- To engage in bullying or harassment.
- To communicate test answers, photograph tests, or engage in any other conduct that constitutes or facilitates academic dishonesty.
- To take, disseminate, transfer, or share any images, recordings, or other content that is obscene, lewd, illegal, sexually-explicit, or otherwise inappropriate for the school setting.
- In areas where other people have a reasonable expectation of privacy, including all locker rooms, bathrooms, or other changing areas (except in an emergency).
- To create, communicate, share or post recordings or images of any other student or staff member without permission from that student or staff member (except in an emergency).
- In violation of the Districts' rules surrounding students' acceptable use of technology.

Possession and use of an electronic device by a student under this policy is a privilege. A student who chooses to exercise this privilege does so subject to the following conditions:

- The District is not responsible for the safety or security of personal electronic devices that students possess or use at school or at a school-related activity. Students who possess or use such device(s) do so at their own risk with regard to possible theft, damage, misappropriation of data/equipment or other loss.
- A device possessed or used by a student may be subject to an appropriately limited search by a District official when the official has reason to suspect that such search may lead to evidence of a crime or a violation of Board policy or school rules. The scope of any such search will be limited to the suspected violation.

### CONSEQUENCES:

- Step 1:** One-hour (1) after-school detention and personal electronic device(s) held in the office for the remainder of the day.
- Step 2:** Two (2) hours of after-school detention and personal electronic device(s) held in the office for the remainder of the day.
- Step 3:** One (1) day of in-school suspension and personal electronic device(s) turned into the office for the remainder of the day.
- Step 4:** Three (3) days of in-school suspension and personal electronic device(s) turned in daily to the office for the rest of the year.

- If you lose personal electronic device privileges for the day you lose privileges on any/all personal electronic devices.
- Any student that argues or does not surrender their device upon direction from staff, advances one step.

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**Cross Reference:**

**Legal Reference:**

### WISCONSIN STATUTES

- [Section 118.258](#) [student use and possession of electronic communication devices]
- [Section 120.13\(1\)](#) [school board power to set conduct rules and discipline students]
- [Section 947.0125](#) [unlawful use of computerized communication device]
- [Section 995.50\(2\)\(a\)](#) [intrusion on the privacy of another]