

The Anaheim Union High School District acknowledges the importance of electronic communication between students and parents, particularly in schoolwide emergency situations. Further, the district recognizes that instructional time and engagement is precious and must be protected from unnecessary disruption.

Therefore, students shall be permitted to have, in their possession, an electronic signaling device on campus during the school day, while attending school-sponsored activities, or while under the supervision and control of a school district employee. Devices are not to be used at junior high schools. Device use at high schools are limited to passing periods and lunch. Such devices shall be silenced and put away and their use strictly prohibited on campus during the regular instructional school day except:

- with permission of a teacher or site administrator for pedagogical purposes,
- In the case of an emergency, or in response to a perceived threat of danger affecting the school or community.
- upon direction from a licensed physician and surgeon if carrying such a device is essential to, and the use is limited specifically to, the health of the student.
- required by the student's individualized education program (IEP) or 504 plan

Electronic signaling devices include any device that operates through the transmission or receipt of radio waves, including but not limited to pagers, cellular telephones, smart phones, smart watches, smart glasses, gaming devices, internet of things, hacking devices, wired and wireless headphones or other mobile communication devices, and two-way radios. The only permitted devices during the school day are school-issued (i.e, Chromebooks and laptops), one-to-one devices and / or bring your own devices (i.e, Chromebooks and laptops). In permitting student possession of such devices, the district assumes no liability for the loss or damage of the device or its misuse by another person.

The regular school day is defined as the time between the beginning of school, or the first regularly scheduled class in the morning, through the end of school, or the end of the last regularly scheduled class of the day.

Electronic signaling devices shall not be used in any manner which infringes on the privacy rights of any other person. Students may not record audio, video, or take photographs of anyone without written permission on personal or district devices.

Schools may, at their option, designate any non-mandated school activity as an event where participation is conditioned upon cell phones being deactivated during the event.

Each year, the principal/designee must inform all students and parent/guardians of board policy and the ramifications of unauthorized use of electronic devices at school or at a school-related activity.

Any violation of board policy should be treated as a Class II infraction. Disciplinary procedures can range from warning, conference, confiscation, detention, alternatives to suspension or suspension. Each school may develop their own progressive discipline based on local school site decisions.

Legal References:

Education Code 48901.5 - Electronic Signaling Devices

Education Code 48901.7 - Policies Regarding Smart Phones

Education Code 51512 - Legislative Intent

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