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Statement of.....

Policy and Responsibility

SUBJECT: INTERFERING AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES

This policy gives guidelines concerning interfering and electronic communication device use in schools. School administrators have the authority to enforce reasonable rules relating to such devices. Interfering devices are those which, if used, may interfere with the educational process for the student or for other students. These devices include, but are not limited to, cameras, lasers in any form, radios, portable CD players, iPod's and other music or video players, and any other electronic equipment or device that is not of educational necessity. Electronic communication devices include cell phones, two-way radios, video cameras, pagers, and any other device that allows a student to record or transmit, either real time or delayed, sound, video, pictures, text, or other information.

Guidelines

1. Parents and students shall be given notice of policy. This may be done in a school manual, written or online registration, school newsletter, or other forms of communication.
2. The school and the Murray School District take no responsibility for the loss or damage of any interfering or electronic communication device. Lost or stolen devices will not be investigated by school authorities. Students who choose to bring them for use before or after school take sole responsibility for those devices.
3. Schools may prohibit all use of interfering and electronic communication devices during instructional time. Instructional time includes class time, assemblies, and field trips. Schools may prohibit use from the first bell until the final bell, including class breaks, recess, and lunch time.
4. Schools may allow specific devices for curricular purposes only. Teachers may not allow interfering or electronic communication devices as part of a "reward" or "free time."
5. Schools may confiscate interference and electronic communication devices when they are used in violation of school and/or district policy. Teachers who confiscate such items should give them to a school administrator as soon as possible. Schools may require a parent meeting prior to the return of any device.
6. Cell phones, cameras, and any device which can compromise personal privacy, such as in a locker room and/or bathroom are prohibited. The violation of one's privacy in such a manner will result in school and/or district consequences, including a law enforcement referral.
7. Any device used in a way that might reasonably create an impression of being threatened, humiliated, harassed, embarrassed, or intimidated is prohibited. Any use in this manner will result in school and/or district consequences, and possibly a law enforcement referral.
8. Cell phones, palms, pocket PC's, or any device used for cheating will result in school consequences, which may include suspension, as well as academic and citizenship consequences.
9. The use of lasers in any form will result in immediate school consequences. Repeated offenses may result in district consequences.