

**LEYTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY #6025**

Student Cell Phone and Other Electronic Devices

Students are prohibited from using cellular phones, smart watches or other electronic devices while at school except as provided in this policy. In this policy cell phones refer to cellular phones, smart watches or other electronic communication devices.

Cellular phones for junior high and high school students are to be powered off, kept in lockers or in the student's vehicle during school hours. Elementary grade school students who have phones or electronic devices must be powered off and turned into the teacher at the beginning of the day, and they will be returned to them when class is over.

Students may use cell phones or other electronic devices on school sidewalks and in the common areas of the school before and after school so long as they do not create a distraction or a disruption and comply with all other policies and handbook provisions. Students may not bring their cellular phones or other electronic devices out of their lockers or otherwise use them during the lunch break. No student is allowed to go to their locker or vehicle during class to use a cellular phone or other electronic device.

By bringing their cell phones and other electronic communication devices to school, students consent to the search of said devices by school staff when the staff determines that such a search is reasonable or necessary.

Students may not have cell phones or electronic devices while they are in locker rooms, classrooms, restrooms or other areas in which others have a reasonable expectation of privacy.

Students are strictly prohibited from sending, sharing, viewing, or possessing pictures, text messages, emails or other material of a sexual nature in electronic or any other form on a computer, cell phone, or other electronic device while at school. Students who possess prohibited material on their cell phone or other electronic device while at school shall be subject to disciplinary consequences as articulated by the student handbook.

Students may not use cell phones or electronic communication devices while riding in school vehicles, including listening to music, unless they have permission to do so from the driver or other adult responsible for their supervision.

Exceptions to this policy will be made as required by state or federal law or to comply with a student's education plan (e.g. an Individualized Education Program or Section 504 Plan).

Students shall be personally and solely responsible for the security of their cell phones, smart watches or other electronic devices. The district is not responsible for theft, loss, or damage of a cell phone or any calls made on a cell phone.

Students who violate this policy or other school rules will have their cell phones or electronic devices confiscated immediately. The administration will return confiscated devices to the parent or guardian of the offending student, after discussing the rule violation with the student and parent or guardian. Students who violate this policy may, at the discretion of the school's administration, be subject to additional discipline, up to and including suspension or expulsion.

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