USD #483 - TELEPHONE/CELLULAR PHONES

Students are encouraged and may use the office telephone after obtaining permission from staff members. This should be used only for business, home contact or an emergency. Students may not use the office telephone for visitation (friends, girlfriend, boyfriend, etc.).

A "personal electronic device" is defined as any electronic device that provides for voice, text, or video communication between two or more parties, including, but not limited to a mobile or cellular phone, tablet, computer, watch, wireless headphones or ear buds, a text messaging device or a personal digital assistant that is not owned or issued to students by the school district.

Electronic devices may remain in the student's vehicle, locker, or be stored in the cell phone cabinet during school hours. Students that drive to school are strongly encouraged to leave their cellular device in their vehicle during the school day. Phones must be turned off and securely stored away from the student's person.

Per the law, USD #483 is not liable for damage to or storage of a personal electronic device brought to school. Electronic devices cannot be used during the school day. The "school day" is defined as from 8:10 am - 3:25 pm. Certain students may be permitted to use their personal electronic device, if it is required for the implementation of the student's IEP, 504 plan or Health plan. *(Cellular phones are for emergency use only. They may only be used with permission from the office/principal and can only be used in the school office).*

If a student chooses to take his/her electronic device to class or refuses to stow the phone as the school designates, the following consequences would apply:

First Offense: One day In-School Suspension; the electronic device(s) will be stowed in the office daily for 9 weeks.
Second Offense: Three days In-School Suspension; the electronic device(s) will be stored daily in the office locker.
Third Offense: Five days Out-of-School Suspension; electronic device(s) turned in daily to the office for the remainder of the school year.

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