

Canyon ISD Student Cell Phone Procedures

Effective in August 2008

In response to parental safety concerns, Canyon ISD permits students to possess telecommunications devices with certain restrictions while on school property or while participating in or attending school-sponsored or school related activities on or off school property.

The term “telecommunications devices” includes, but is not limited to cellular telephones, PDAs, palm pilots with the capabilities of receiving messages and blackberries. The term “cell phone” will be used for the remainder of this topic to represent all telecommunications devices since a cell phone is the more commonly used device.

While students may possess cell phones, their use shall be limited to the following:

Grades K-8: Students shall keep cell phones turned off (not in silent or vibrate mode) and not visible during the entire school day (from the time students enter the building at the beginning of the day through the time they are exiting the building at the end of the day).

Grades 9-12: Students shall keep cell phones turned off (not in silent or vibrate mode) and not visible during the entire school day with the exception of the passing periods between classes and at lunch.

When participating in afterschool classroom-type activities, such as tutorials, fine arts rehearsals, athletic practices/competitions, club meetings, detentions, etc., students must abide by the rules established by the teacher, sponsor, or coach.

District employees shall confiscate cell phones from students who violate this policy and students may be subject to additional disciplinary measures. Confiscated cell phones shall be sent to the campus office and may be reclaimed by following these procedures:

Grades K-8: The parent or guardian shall be allowed to reclaim a confiscated cell phone in the school office. The parent or guardian may be charged an administrative fee of \$15 if the student violates this policy more than one time. Confiscated cell phone devices shall not be released to students.

Grades 9-12: The parent or guardian shall be allowed to reclaim a confiscated cell phone or other telecommunications device in the school office by paying an administrative fee of \$15. Confiscated cell phones shall not be released to students unless the student is 18 years old or is an emancipated minor.

If a cell phone is not reclaimed by the parent or guardian by the last day of school, notification will be sent to the parent and to the company whose name and address or telephone number appear on the cell phone, indicating that the device shall be disposed of in 30 days as allowed by state law if not reclaimed.

The District shall not be responsible for any damage, theft, or loss of a cellular phone or other telecommunications devices that students bring to school.