

# DENISON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES

It is the policy of the Denison Board of Education that a student may possess a wireless telecommunications device while on school premises, or while in transit under the authority of the school, or while attending any function sponsored or authorized by the school upon prior written consent of both the student's parent/guardian, and the principal or superintendent. Students will be provided a wireless telecommunications consent form upon enrollment. This written consent must be filled out and on file in the building principal's office. Principal approved wireless telecommunication devices must be turned off and out of sight between the hours of 8:00 am and 3:00 pm.

Upon reasonable suspicion, the superintendent, principal, teacher, or security personnel shall have the authority to detain and search, or authorize the search of, any student or property in the possession of the student for unauthorized wireless telecommunication devices.

Students found to be using any electronic communication device for any illegal purpose, violation of privacy, or to in any way send or receive personal messages, data, or information that would contribute to or constitute cheating on tests or examinations shall be subject to discipline and the device shall be confiscated and not returned until a parent conference has been held. Students violating this rule will be disallowed from carrying any personal communication device following the incident unless a bona fide health emergency exists.

Students found to be in possession of a wireless telecommunications device in violation of the rules shall be subject to disciplinary action under the student discipline policy, including confiscation of the device pending parent/guardian conference, detention, or suspension. Where appropriate, police authorities may be contacted.

Consequences for students violating the policy:

- **First Offense** – confiscation of the wireless telecommunication device and parent/guardian coming to school to pick up the wireless telecommunication device and sign letter explaining they understand the consequences of the second offense.
- **Second Offense** – confiscation of wireless telecommunication device and 2 days suspension.
- **Third Offense** – confiscation of the wireless telecommunication device and 3 day suspension. The wireless telecommunication devices will no longer be allowed at school for any reason.
- **Fourth Offense** is "administration discretion."
- Retrieval of wireless telecommunication device can only be made by the parent at the convenience of the Administrator or his designee. This process will apply to all four violations.

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I/We have read the above letter stating the rules and consequences involving cell phones and electronic devices. I agree to abide by the rules. If I do not abide by the rules, I understand the consequences will be imposed.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian AND Student

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Date

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Signature of Superintendent/Principal

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Date