

The Anaheim Union High School District acknowledges the importance of electronic communication between students and parents, particularly in schoolwide emergency situations. Further, the district recognizes that instructional time is precious and must be protected from unnecessary disruption.

Therefore, students shall be permitted to have, in their possession, an electronic signaling device on campus during the school day, while attending school-sponsored activities, or while under the supervision and control of a school district employee. Such devices shall be deactivated and their use strictly prohibited on campus during the regular instructional school day except:

- with permission of a school employee,
- during an emergency affecting the school or community, or
- upon direction from a licensed physician and surgeon if carrying such a device is essential to, and the use is limited specifically to, the health of the student.

Electronic signaling devices include any device that operates through the transmission or receipt of radio waves, including but not limited to pagers, cellular telephones and two-way radios. In permitting student possession of such devices, the district assumes no liability for the loss or damage of the device or its misuse by another person.

The regular school day is defined as the time between the beginning of school, or the first regularly scheduled class in the morning, through the end of school, or the end of the last regularly scheduled class of the day.

Schools may, at their option, designate any non-mandated school activity as an event where participation is conditioned upon cell phones being deactivated during the event.

Each year, the principal/designee must inform all students and parent/guardians of board policy and the ramifications of unauthorized use of electronic devices at school or at a school-related activity.

Any violation of board policy should be treated as a Class II infraction. Disciplinary procedures can range from warning, conference, confiscation, detention, alternatives to suspension or suspension. Each school may develop their own progressive discipline based on local school site decisions.

Electronic recording devices may be used in the classroom provided:

1. prior consent is received from the teacher and the principal (the consent is revocable by the teacher),
2. they operate quietly,
3. they do not obstruct the view or passage of others,
4. they operate on their own power,
5. they do not have distracting lights or distracting moving parts, and
6. they are used only for the recording of teacher presentations.

Legal References:

Education Code 48901.5 - Electronic Signaling Devices  
Education Code 51512 - Legislative Intent

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