

PLAINFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

USE OF PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES

The Plainfield Board of Education recognizes that personal communication devices can play an important role in education. The Board also recognizes its responsibility to provide a classroom environment free from disruption to the educational process. In order to fulfill this responsibility, the use of personal communication devices (i.e. pagers, cellular telephones, text messaging devices, personal data assistants, etc.) by staff and students will be permitted as long as the following conditions are met:

1. During school hours, the use of the personal communication devices is for educational purposes only. It will be used under the direction of staff or administration and in a manner that is not disruptive to other students and staff.
2. Staff and students will not be permitted to access, view, record, display, or distribute inappropriate images or recordings.
3. Staff or students will not be permitted to take photographs, video and/or audio recordings without the knowledge and consent of the individual(s) being photographed or recorded.
4. The use of personal communication devices by staff will be permitted during times when the staff is not assigned to an instructional period. The use should not take away from their professional responsibilities and should be used in an environment away from students.

Any staff member or student using personal communication devices in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action. A teacher or administrator who discovers a student using a personal communication device during class time shall ask the student to discontinue use of the device and to put it away in a pocket, bag, locker, etc. If use continues, the device will be confiscated and the administrator will contact the parent/guardian to retrieve the device.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Connecticut General Statutes

10-233j Student possession and use of telecommunication devices

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