

Administrative Regulation

STUDENTS

Regulating The Possession Or Use Of Portable Communication Devices

Enforcement of Standards

A portable communication device refers to any device carried, worn, or stored by a student to receive or communicate messages. Such devices may include but are not limited to portable pagers, hand-held radios, personal data assistants (PDAs), laptop computers with cellular/phone capability, and cellular telephones. This definition will also include any new technology developed for similar purposes. Excluded from this definition is any particular device with communication capabilities that has been specifically approved for instructional purposes. The Berryessa Union School District reserves the right to define the educational value of any new electronic wireless communication devices that may become available to the general public in the future and to prohibit their use if they have little or no educational value or such use creates learner distraction or disruption.

Employees are expected to provide appropriate supervision to enforce standards of conduct and, if they observe or become aware of a violation of these standards, to immediately intervene or call for assistance. If an employee believes a matter has not been resolved, he/she shall refer the matter to his/her supervisor or administrator for further investigation.

Students who violate district or school rules and regulations may be subject to discipline, including, but not limited to suspension, expulsion or transfer to alternative programs in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation. In addition, when the conduct involves intimidation, harassment, or other endangerment of a student or employee, the Superintendent or designee shall provide appropriate assistance as necessary for the victim and the offender or make appropriate referrals for such assistance.

Any student who violates this regulation will be subject to disciplinary action. Depending on circumstances, the disciplinary action could include but not limited to conference with parent/guardian, confiscation of the device, and/or up to five (5) days suspension. Suspension of five (5) days should be reserved for repeated or serious violations.

Procedures in this regulation will be incorporated into the local school discipline plan process and notification to parents. School sites, with approval of staff and school site team, may establish procedures more restrictive than this Regulation, provided that no restrictions upon the ability to possess or use portable communication devices for medical reasons, as set forth in Board Policy, shall be permitted.

Students shall be personally and solely responsible for the security of their personal communication device. The Berryessa Union School District assumes no responsibility or liability for loss or damage to a device or for the unauthorized use of any such device or devices on school grounds, including, but not limited to devices left in school lockers or classrooms.

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