POLICY 831: <u>Cell Phones and Personal Electronic Devices</u> <u>Personal Electronic Cell Phones & Digital Devices and District Cellular Phone</u>

The Board of Education <u>of</u>for School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) <u>recognizesEducation believes</u> that <u>students</u>, <u>employees and guests may bring theiryour own devices (BYOD)</u> to school or <u>worksites</u>. <u>Personal Electronic Devices or "Bring Your Own Devices" (BYOD) will be used in a way <u>Personal electronic appropriate use of cell phones and other digital devices will be used <u>plays an important role in a way that is supportive of communications</u>. However, the <u>learning</u> environment and consistent with the District and the School Code of Conduct.</u></u>

Regulations

Each school shall develop guidelines for the acceptable use of personal electronic use of cell phones and digital devices by students can be disruptive and, in the classroom, school and school sponsored or school related activities on or off school property. Personal electronic devices means any electronic device, service or system having the capability to store, record, and/or transmit text, images/video, or audio data designed or used swil to assist in extended human potential (including buty not limited to computers, cell phones, thumb drives, cameras, social networking sites, e-mail and voice services, school networks, etc.) owned and/or operated by the school district user, and excludes district owned technologysome cases, unsafe.

- 1. At no time will use of any personal electronic device invade or infringe upon the personal privacy or safety of any member of the school district community.

 Furthermore, The district will not tolerate the publication, via computer, and/or other multi-media devices, of materials that creates, or areis likely to create an environment which negatively impacts or causes significant disruption to the district or school., and tThe School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) Policy 310: Code of cConduct must be followed at all times.
- 2. District management reserves the right to access all files and content on personal devices connected to district networks to check for inappropriate use.
- 3. The Board accepts no responsibility for theft or damage that may occur to personal items brought to the school or worksite.

Employee

- 1. The Board recognizes that the cell phone can be a great tool for our employees. We encourage employees to use cell phones forwhen:
 - a. Making or receiving work calls in the appropriate place and situation to do so.

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- b. For other work-related communication, such as tText messaging or emailing for other work-related communication in appropriate places and situations.
- c. To sSchedulinge and keeping track of appointments.
- d. To conducting arry out work-related research.
- e. To kKeeping track of work tasks.
- f. To kKeeping track of work contacts.
- 2. It is at the discretion of your sSupervisors will determine as to whether or not your positions warrants a district cell phones.
- 3. Any additional roaming fees incurred on a district cell phone when travelling will be billed back to the appropriate your department or school.
- 4. Improperty use of cell phones may result in disciplinary action.
- 5. Cell phone usage for illegal or dangerous activity, for the purpose of harassment, or in ways that violate School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) confidentiality may result in disciplinary action.
- 6. The following are School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) basic guidelines for proper employee cell phone use during work hours. In general, cell phones should not be used when they could pose a security or safety risk, or when they distract from work tasks:
 - a. Never use a cell phone when driving.
 - b. Never use a cell phone when operating equipment.
 - c. Do not use cell phones for surfing the internet or gaming during work hours.
 - d. Avoid using work cell phones for personal tasks.
 - e. Avoid using personal cell phones for work tasks.
 - f. Do not use cell phones during meetings.
 - g. Do not use cell phones to record confidential information.
- 7. The districtboard assumes no obligation for support of personal equipment, noreither will it accept any liability for modifications made to the equipment as a result of establishing a connection.

Student use of cell phones and digital devices is permitted in schools and on school trips, and functions at the discretion of the school staff.

Related Legislation: Motor Vehicle Act Use of Electronic Devices While Driving Regulation 308/2009

Related Contract Article: Nil Adopted: February 26, 2008 Amended: February 2, 2010 Amended: October 9, 2018





Cell phone use by staff, trustees, parents, or volunteers, while driving a vehicle is restricted by law.

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