

Electronic Device

The Waterbury Board of Education is committed to maintaining a safe and productive learning environment that provides each student with an atmosphere that is free of disruptions.

1. The use of electronic devices during the academic day disrupts and interferes with the educational process and will not be tolerated. Students will be subject to disciplinary procedures and confiscation of the device if it is either visible and/or used during regular school hours. Parents, upon appearing at school, will be given the confiscated devices on all second offenses.
2. Disciplinary action will be taken against any student for using a cellular telephone, iPod, beepers, walk man type player, laser pens and any other types of electronic device that is otherwise not banned by this policy, in any manner that disrupts the educational environment.
3. In no case will any personal communication device be allowed that provides for a wireless, unfiltered connection to the Internet or which has the capability to take photographs or any kind. The sending, sharing, viewing, or possessing pictures, e-mails, or other material of a sexual nature in electronic or any other form on a cell phone or other electronic device is prohibited in the school setting and is subject to disciplinary action.

High School and Middle School:

- 1st offense:** Confiscate, warning and notify parent, return to student at the end of the school day.
- 2nd offense:** Confiscate, in school suspension or after school detention, item to be returned to parent/legal guardian only at the end of the school day.
- 3rd offense:** Confiscate, out of school suspension, item to be returned to parent/legal guardian only at the end of the school day.

Elementary School:

- 1st offense:** Confiscate, warning and notify parent, return to student at the end of the school day.
- 2nd offense:** Confiscate, warning and/or probation, item to be returned to parent/legal guardian only at the end of the school day.
- 3rd offense:** Confiscate, out of school suspension or in school suspension if available, item to be returned to parent/legal guardian only at the end of the school day.

Legal Reference:

Connecticut General Statutes (P.A. 95-304, S.8, 9; P.A. 96-108, S. 1, 3)
History: P.A. 95-304 effective July 1, 1995; P.A. 96-108 designated the existing
Sec. Subsec (a) and added Subsec (b) re cellular mobile telephones, effective July 1, 1996