

WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICES

POLICY

The Tulsa Technology Center Board of Education shall comply with state law regarding the use of wireless telecommunications devices within public schools in the state of Oklahoma and adopt guidelines for student use of wireless telecommunications devices. A wireless telecommunications device shall be defined as a wireless apparatus used to transmit or receive information and may include but not be limited to a cellular telephone, pager, personal digital assistant, camera technology and phones with audio record capabilities.

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PROCEDURES

Section 1.0 Rule

Except as provided in Section 2.0 of these procedures, a secondary student may not possess or use a wireless telecommunications device while on school premises or while attending any function sponsored or authorized by Tulsa Technology Center (TTC).

Section 2.0 Possessing and Using Wireless Telecommunications Devices:

A. Prior Consent Required

A secondary student may possess a wireless telecommunications device with the prior written consent of both (a) a parent or guardian of the student and (b) the school campus director.

B. Usage and Restrictions

Use of a wireless telecommunications device is limited to the time before school begins, the time after school ends, break time, and lunch time except in the case of an emergency involving life or property.

Restriction of a wireless telecommunication device applies when the student is in a structured classroom or laboratory setting and during Career and Technology Student Organization functions. In all situations, it will be the responsibility of the student to ensure that no wireless telecommunications device is set to receive incoming calls or communications of any kind while the student is engaged in a school activity where wireless telecommunication devices are restricted.

Students are prohibited from using wireless telecommunications devices in a manner that invades the privacy of others or as tools for sexual or other types of harassment.

C. Annual Renewal Required

Written permission for possession of a wireless telecommunications device shall be valid only for the school year in which permission is obtained. It is the student's responsibility to provide the consent form each school year to the campus director.

Section 3.0 Enforcement

Unauthorized possession and use of a wireless telecommunications device by a secondary student is prohibited and may result in disciplinary action.

A. Search

Upon reasonable suspicion that a student is in possession of or using an unauthorized wireless telecommunications device, TTC administrators shall have the authority to detain and search or authorize the search of any secondary student when the student is in a structured classroom or laboratory setting and during Career and Technology Student Organization functions.

B. Removal of Device

TTC administrators searching or authorizing the search of a student upon reasonable suspicion that the student is in possession of or using an unauthorized wireless telecommunications device shall have the authority to remove the wireless communications device from the student's possession.

C. Disciplinary Action

A secondary student found to be in possession of an unauthorized wireless telecommunications device contrary to these procedures may be disciplined, including suspension from TTC by the school administrator for a period not to exceed the current school semester and the succeeding semester.

Section 4 .0 Written Consent

The written consent for possession of a wireless telecommunications device shall be maintained in the student's file. Instructors shall be notified of those students who are authorized to possess a wireless telecommunications device.

Section 5.0 Adult Students

Adult students possessing a wireless telecommunications device shall abide by the usage criteria set forth in Section 2.0 (B).