Valhalla Elementary School

Possession of Cell Phones and Other Personal Electronic Devices

The MDUSD Governing Board approved the Possession of Cellular Phones and Other Personal Electronic Signaling Devices Policy 5131(3) and Administrative Rule 5131(3) on June 8, 2006.

Students in grades K - 12 may possess but not use cellular phones and other electronic signaling devices during the instructional day. The device must remain turned off during the school day.

The policy exists for the purpose of maintaining safety and order in the school. The cellular and electronic devices include but are not limited to: cellular or digital phones, including those with the capability to capture/transmit digital images and/or photographs; pagers; beepers; and personal digital assistants (such as Palm Pilots, Sidekicks, Blackberrys, iPads) during the school day. Students are permitted to use their devices or cell phones in the following circumstances:

- Before school (off campus)
- After school (off campus) and/or non-instructional extracurricular activities; e.g., athletic events. However, the use must not create a disruption or a distraction to the orderly operation of the school, or interfere with the activity.

Students who act in violation of this policy shall be subject to the school/District disciplinary action (see below).

**Disciplinary Actions**

1. **Initial Violation** – Electronic device will be confiscated and placed in a secure location. It will be returned to the student at the end of the staff work day.
2. **Second Violation** – Electronic device will be confiscated and placed in a secure location. It WILL NOT be returned to the student UNTIL the student’s parent/guardian meets with the school’s administrative staff for the purpose of clarifying this policy.
3. **Third Violation** – Electronic device will be confiscated and placed in a secure location. It WILL NOT be returned to the student until and unless the parent/guardian provides written assurance that the student will no longer be allowed to have the device during the school day.
4. **Fourth Violation** – Electronic device will be confiscated and placed in a secure location. The student will be subject to suspension.
5. **Fifth Violation** – Electronic device will be confiscated and placed in a secure location. The student will be subject to loss of school privileges.
6. **Any further violation** will subject the student to disciplinary action as set forth in Board AR 5144.1