

MESSALONSKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT (MSAD 47)

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**STUDENT USE OF CELLULAR TELEPHONES AND
OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

SCHOOL RULES

1. Students are prohibited from using privately-owned electronic devices, including but not limited to, cellular telephones, Blackberries, PDA's, handheld computers, MP3 players and electronic games during classes.
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 - a. During classes all such devices must be turned off.
 - b. The only exception to this rule is when a teacher specifically authorizes students to use such a personal electronic device for a specific purpose (such as entering an assignment in a PDA).
 - c. If this rule is violated, the teacher will immediately confiscate the device for the remainder of the school day, and discipline may be imposed as provided below.
3. Students may use electronic devices between class periods and during lunch periods. Cellular telephones must be kept on "vibrate" mode to avoid disrupting others.
4. The use of cameras, including camera phones, is strictly prohibited in locker rooms, changing areas, restrooms, playgrounds, and buses. Pictures and/or videos may be taken for school purposes, such as class pictures, athletics, or yearbooks. In other instances, students are required to obtain permission before photographing any individual.
5. Any use of cellular telephones and other electronic devices that violates any Board policy, administrative procedure or school rule is strictly prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, violations of the student code of conduct, harassment and cheating.
6. Students violating these rules will be subject to discipline, which may include:
 - a. Exclusion of the device from school for an extended period;
 - b. Sanctions ranging from detention to expulsion from school depending upon the nature of the offense and the student's disciplinary record.

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