



AISD REGULATIONS FOR **TELECOMMUNICATIONS & OTHER DEVICES**

(See pages 62-64 in AISD Student Code of Conduct)

The District prohibits the use of telecommunications devices such as cellular phones, pagers, beepers, and PDA's, as well as cameras (digital, video, etc), MP3 players, CD players, video games, or any other device that has the potential to be considered a distraction to the educational environment at all schools and at all school-related activities, both on and off campus, during the school day.

Students may possess such devices; however, these devices shall not be visible and must remain off during the school day.

For students on school campuses, the school day is defined as from the time a student first enters the school building for the day until the last dismissal bell of the day. For students participating in school-related activities off-campus and/or school-related activities that begin before the first school bell of the day or after the last dismissal bell of the day, school personnel supervising such activities have discretion to determine when the school day begins and ends. Students on campus who need to make calls for emergency purposes may ask permission to use the office phone or classroom phone. Parents who need to contact a student on campus during the school day must call the school office. Parents who need to contact a student participating in an off-campus school-related activity should do so according to the rules determined by school personnel supervising the activity, which rules may vary.

Students who use a device in any way that violates the law, Board Policy, or the *Student Code of Conduct* shall be subject to disciplinary action. Furthermore, a student's failure to promptly and peacefully relinquish a device will result in more serious disciplinary action.

The failure to comply with these regulations will result in the following consequences:

First Offense: Group I Misbehavior

- Confiscation of the device until a parent retrieves the device from the school office;
- \$15.00 return fee/fine for telecommunication devices only.

Second Offense: Group I Misbehavior

- Two (2) days on campus suspension (OCS);
- Confiscation of the device until a parent retrieves the device from the school office;
- \$15.00 return fee/fine for telecommunication devices only.

Third Offense: Group II Misbehavior

- Two (2) days On Campus Suspension (OCS);
- Loss of privilege to have possession of any device on campus;
- Confiscation of the device at issue until a parent retrieves the device from the school office;
- 15.00 return fee/fine for telecommunication devices only.

Fourth Offense: Group III Misbehavior

- Assignment to Choices;
- Loss of privilege to have possession of any device on campus;
- Confiscation of the device at issue until a parent retrieves the device from the school office;
- \$15.00 return fee/fine for telecommunication devices only.

Fifth Offense: Group IV Misbehavior

- Assignment to Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP);
- loss of privilege to have possession of any device on campus;
- confiscation of the device at issue until a parent retrieves the device from the school office;
- \$15.00 return fee/fine for telecommunication devices only.

****The \$15.00 return fee/fine applies to telecommunication devices only. The Texas Education Code defines a telecommunications device as a device that emits an audible signal, vibrates, displays a message, or otherwise summons or delivers a communication to the possessor. The fine/fee does not apply to other devices such as cameras, MP3 players, CD players, video games, etc. However, "other devices" will be confiscated and a parent will have to retrieve the device from the school office.**

Depending upon the severity and frequency of the violation, students may be subject to the full range of disciplinary consequences set forth in the Student Code of Conduct and Texas Education Code, including expulsion. Devices will be returned only to a parent/guardian. This serves as notification to parents and students that the District will dispose of confiscated telecommunication devices at the end of the school year if no claim is made and no return fee/fine is paid.

The District assumes no responsibility for damaged, lost or stolen devices once they are confiscated.

*** The \$15.00 return fee/fine must be paid only with cash or money order.**