

West Genesee High School
Code of Conduct - **PILOT Revision**
Part IV.E.3.CC
Use of Electronic Devices

Electronic Devices, including but not limited to: cell phones, iPods, mp3 players, headphones, cameras, audio/video equipment, pagers, iPads, and other tablet devices will be permitted within the building under the following guidelines:

- (a) In all Instructional settings (defined as areas of teacher/student interaction where learning is occurring), electronic devices are not to be visible, turned on, or used. At NO time is photography, videography, or audio recording acceptable in Instructional Settings. The classroom teacher has full discretion over the use of electronic devices within their own classroom.
- (b) In all Academic settings (defined as areas of study where work should be ongoing, i.e. Studyhalls and the Library), electronic devices are not to be visible, turned on, or used. At NO time is photography, videography, or audio recording acceptable in Academic Settings. The supervising adult of that room will have discretion over the use of electronic devices. For the purposes of safety and/or potential emergencies, students must keep one (1) ear free of headphones at all times.
- (c) In all Non-Instructional settings (defined as areas where students are not engaged in academic material, i.e. cafeterias and transition times), students will be permitted to use electronic devices. Photography and videography that is inappropriate and/or done without a person's knowledge and/or consent is not acceptable in Non-Instructional settings. At NO time is audio recording acceptable in Non-Instructional settings. For the purposes of safety and/or potential emergencies, students must keep one (1) ear free of headphones at all times.

Violation of this policy will result in disciplinary action as stated in the West Genesee High School Student Handbook, Part IV.G.12.C. A violation of the electronic device policy will subsequently engage the prohibited items policy, in which clear disciplinary procedures are currently outlined.

Also, students using their personal devices in violation of Part II.U, the West Genesee High School Technology Code of Conduct, will be subject to disciplinary action as defined in the West Genesee High School Student Handbook.

As stated in the West Genesee High School Policies and Procedures (Part IV.O), students are responsible for their own personal property. West Genesee High School and the West Genesee Central School District will not be held liable for lost or stolen electronic devices.

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Electronic Device PILOT POLICY

February 2014 – June 2014

As the role of educational technology continues to evolve, we believe personal electronic device applications now play a role in the acquisition of new knowledge, teaching of organizational skills, and fostering responsible use among students and teachers.



INSTRUCTIONAL

- ◉ Areas of teacher-student interaction where teaching/learning is occurring.
- ◉ The classroom teacher has full discretion over the potential use of electronic devices within their own classroom.

ACADEMIC

- ◉ Areas of study where work should be ongoing. (i.e. Studyhalls and the Library)
- ◉ The supervising adult of that room will have discretion over the potential use of electronic devices.
- ◉ Electronic devices are not to be visible, turned on, or used. At NO time is photography, videography, or audio recording acceptable in Academic Settings.
- ◉ For the purposes of safety and/or potential emergencies, students must keep one (1) ear free of headphones at all times.

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

- ◉ Areas where students are not engaged in academic material. (i.e. cafeterias and transition times)
- ◉ Students will be permitted to use electronic devices.
- ◉ Photography and videography that is inappropriate and/or used without a person's knowledge and/or consent is not acceptable.
- ◉ At NO time is audio recording acceptable.
- ◉ For the purposes of safety and/or potential emergencies, students must keep one (1) ear free of headphones at all times.



Be Knowledgeable...



- ◉ The majority of social media companies own the content you place on their site AND can sell your pictures and words for profit. The internet is a PUBLIC domain.
- ◉ Students AND parents can be found libel with regard to cyberbullying incidents.
- ◉ Recent changes in New York State laws allow for schools to discipline students for events that occur off school property or outside school hours.
- ◉ The first amendment does not protect you if you slander and/or make threatening remarks.



**“There is a fine line between
censorship and good taste
and moral responsibility.”**

~ Steven Spielberg



**West Genesee High School
BYOD Committee Agenda
Thursday, March 20, 2014
Library Classroom
2:05 PM – 2:40 PM**

I. Share/Discuss Implementation To Date:

- The general consensus is that the hallways seem to be fine, no concerns.
- People felt that the policy may be making lunch duties more manageable.
- ?- Question arose regarding ensuring that substitutes are aware of the new policy... Can we reiterate that a copy of the policy should be in all sub folders?
- Feedback from the group is that kids have been receptive to direction in the classrooms... Teachers need to remain firm, fair, and consistent.
- *- A concern was raised regarding students talking on their phones while ordering lunch... it was discussed that this is something that adults in the vicinity of that action should speak to the student regarding manners with the understanding that the student may respond in a negative manner and to not engage in a power struggle with the student but simply notate the situation and refer the student.
- *- A concern was raised over the need for students to charge their devices throughout the day... discussion centered on this being a classroom management issue and that if a teacher allowed it, then it makes sense. If a teacher does not want to allow it, then that makes sense too.

II. Any Specific Department Concerns?

None reported at this time.

III. Professional Development Needs?

- It was discussed that we need training / professional sharing regarding innovative and creative apps that are available for teachers to use. Discussed using workshop time early next year for professional sharing of this topic.
- We thought perhaps this is a good discussion to have in August with the faculty including some modelling, IF there were no other new technological requirements being implemented (ie. Castle Learning, SchoolTool, etc. from recent years).
- It was mentioned that we should keep our eyes open for the possibility of grant funding including Teacher Center monies to help provide some resources for staff.

IV. Survey Development for Moving Forward:

-We are still hoping to engage the Public Affairs class to help develop a survey to help the process move forward through the summer into next year. We feel that 3 surveys (staff, students, parents) would be good to solicit feedback regarding the process.

V. Other

- A question arose regarding when we can expect to see wifi in the building.
- Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for the last week of April.