

Riverside Jr.-Sr. High School Policy on Possession of Prohibited Electronic Devices during State Standardized Assessments

The policy for cell phone (and similar electronic device) usage during state standardized testing is derived directly from the policy written by Pennsylvania Department of Education [PDE]. Please be aware that students caught using cellular devices in any way in a classroom where testing is taking place will be subject to the following consequences outlined by PDE, in addition to the consequences set forth in the cell phone policy in the Riverside Jr.-Sr. High School handbook:

- I. The student must retake the assessment during the same administration testing window
- II. The unapproved electronic device will be confiscated and, in the presence and with the permission of the parent or guardian, the device will be reviewed to ensure that no information or material regarding the assessment is present
- III. Any data (e.g., photos, images, text, etc.) that violate the security or integrity of the test must be copied and reported to PDE immediately
- IV. The parents and students may be responsible for the cost of replacing compromised test items which are copyrighted by PDE (cost ranges from \$750-\$30,000 per offense)

Prohibited devices include but are not limited to cell phones, smartphones, smartwatches, E-readers, Nooks, Kindles, iPods, tablets, camera-ready devices, and any other electronic device which can be used to photograph or duplicate test materials, access the internet, and/or communicate with others during the administration of the PSSA or Keystone Exams.

Adapted from, PDE. (2017). *PA System of School Assessment: Handbook for Assessment Coordinators.*