

## 1.20 Prohibited Substances and Devices

The Board prohibits certain items from being in school, on school premises or at school-sponsored activities away from the school, or on a school bus traveling to or from school or any school activity, function or event, or any other school sanctioned or authorized vehicle for transportation. It shall be a violation of this CSC for any student to possess any prohibited item. Possession of prohibited items may constitute Class II or Class III violations as set out in Topic 1.23.

Under the FOCUS Act, effective July 1, 2025, the use, operation or possession of Wireless Communications Devices (including but not limited to cellular telephones, tablet computers, laptop computers, pagers, gaming devices, smart watches, and earphones or headphones in school buildings or on school grounds during the Instructional Day, except as permitted under exceptions included in Policy 6.20 and in Topic 1.23 of this Code of Conduct, is prohibited. Violation of Board policy with respect to such use, operation, or possession of Wireless Communication Devices may constitute a Class III violation as set out in Topic 1.23.

Students are also prohibited from having ~~not to have~~ in their personal possession, in their personal belongings (including book bags, lockers, vehicles, etc.), in school buildings, on school grounds, on school buses, or at any school-sponsored activity any other prohibited items as listed in Topic 1.23.

Any person with knowledge of the potential for introduction or presence in the schools of prohibited items is encouraged to submit a report to the Central Office Safe Line at 256-464-6575, or to the City of Madison's Text to Protect line, 256-604-2345 or [Texttoprotect@madisonal.gov](mailto:Texttoprotect@madisonal.gov). Confidential reports may be submitted. Use of a wireless communication device to call or send a text to the Text to Protect line based on an emergency threatening the life or safety of a student or another person will not violate any provision of this Code of Conduct.