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STUDENTS AND PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

The Board of Education recognizes that there are personal electronic devices that have educational applications such as tablets, iPads, iPods, e-readers, calculators, voice recorders, digital cameras, cell phones, music listening devices or other mobile technologies. Personal electronic devices are defined as any device not purchased or provided by the district. These devices may be used in classrooms as instructional resources only if authorized by the Building Principal.

Student personal electronic devices will not be allowed to join the district's wireless network.

The Board acknowledges that cellular phones and 2-way communication systems can be a positive means to facilitate communication; however, the display and/or use of such devices can cause disruption to the educational process.

Therefore, to prevent such disruption, the display and/or use by students of personal electronic devices shall be prohibited from the time students arrive at school until the end of the regular school day, unless specifically permitted to be used by the Building Principal or as part of a specific teacher initiative and/or instructional activity. Such devices must be turned off and stored out of sight during this time period. **The district is not responsible for stolen, lost or damaged personal electronic devices including those confiscated for inappropriate use and/or policy violation.**

In emergency situations, exceptions to the prohibition of the use of cellular phones and 2-way communication systems may be granted by teachers or administrators.

Misuse of any of these electronic devices will result in its confiscation as outlined in the code of conduct. Some uses of personal electronic devices constitute a violation of the school district code of conduct and in some instances, the law. The school district will cooperate with law enforcement officials as appropriate.

Cellular Telephones and Testing

In order to ensure the integrity of testing, in accordance with state guidelines, students are not allowed to bring cell phones or other electronic devices into exam locations during testing. The exception to this policy is if the Building Principal gives specific permission for a cell phone or other electronic device to be used during a classroom, non-state assessment.

Test proctors, monitors and school officials shall have the right to collect cell phones and other prohibited electronic devices prior to the start of the test and to hold them for the duration of the test taking time. Admission to the test will be prohibited to any student who has a cell phone or other electronic device in their possession and does not relinquish it.

Students with individualized education plans (IEPs), 504 Plans, or documentation from a medical practitioner that specifically requires the use of an electronic device may do so as specified. The Special Education Department shall work in partnership with the Administrator for Instructional Technology and Building Principal for any of these specific cases.

Cross-ref: 4526, Policy for District Technology
5300, Code of Conduct

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