STUDENT CONDUCT PERSONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONIC DEVICES

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Note: For searches of personal communication devices or other personal electronic devices, see FNF.

Personal Communication Devices

A student shall not use a personal communication device on school property during the school day. While on school property, the student shall store any personal communication device in accordance with administrative regulations.

A student who violates this policy or any regulations shall be subject to discipline in accordance with the Board-adopted Student Code of Conduct.

An authorized District employee shall confiscate a student's personal communication device that is used in violation of this policy or any applicable regulations.

The District shall not dispose of the personal communication device. The District shall provide appropriate notice, and devices that are not retrieved shall be stored according to administrative regulations.

Exceptions

A student shall be authorized to use a personal communication device on school property during the school day only under the following circumstances:

- 1. The student's use is necessary for implementation of the student's individualized education program, a 504 plan, or a similar program or plan;
- 2. The student's use is required due to a documented need based on a directive from a qualified physician; or
- 3. The student's use is necessary to comply with a health or safety requirement imposed by law or as part of the District or campus safety protocols.

Implementation

The Superintendent shall develop regulations to implement this policy.

Compliance

Annually, the Superintendent shall report to the Board on the implementation and compliance of this policy.

Personal Use of Telecommunications Devices

Prekindergarten-Grade 5 Students in grades prekindergarten-grade 5 shall not use or have visible or audible telecommunications/electronic devices (e.g. smartphones, smart watches [or the equivalent], ear buds, etc.) during the minutes of the operational and instructional day (arrival through the dismissal bell). All telecommunications/electronic devices are to remain silenced (set to "silent," "do not disturb," or the

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equivalent) and in the students' backpacks. Students requiring telecommunication/device support for medical conditions should see "Medical Exceptions."

Grades 6-8

Students in grades 6-8 shall not use or have visible or audible tele-communications/electronic devices (e.g. smartphone, smart watches [or the equivalent], ear buds, etc.) during minutes of the operational and instructional day (arrival through the dismissal bell). All telecommunications/electronic devices are to remain silenced (set to "silent," "do not disturb" [or the equivalent]) and in students' backpacks during the instructional day and passing periods.

Grades 9-12

Students in grades 9-12 shall follow campus regulations regarding the use of telecommunications/electronic devices [e.g. smartphones, smart watches (or the equivalent), ear buds, etc.] during the instructional day.

All students may use a personal telecommunications/electronic device at athletic or other extra-curricular events or other school-related activities/special events outside of the instructional day.

Medical Exceptions

Students with certain medical conditions where the telecommunications/electronic device is used to support their medical need(s) may be allowed use of telecommunication/electronic devices. Parents shall provide the school nurse with a medical request to be verified by the school nurse.

Use of Telecommunication Devices

Personal telecommunications devices shall not be used to take pictures, videos, audio recordings, "AirDrop®," "Nearby Share" (or comparable wireless), peer-to-peer file (including audio, video, pictures, etc.) for sharing, transferring, and/or accessing social media sites at any time during the school day or on school grounds, unless authorized. All personal telecommunication/electronic devices shall be set so that incoming calls, text messages, alerts and notifications do not emit audible sounds.

Confiscation of Telecommunication Devices

Students found in violation of this policy may have their device(s) confiscated and returned per campus guidelines or the Student Code of Conduct.

Instructional Use

Students in grades prekindergarten-grade 5 may not use personal telecommunication/electronic devices during the instructional day (arrival through the dismissal bell).

Students in grades 6-8 may not use personal telecommunication/electronic devices during the instructional day and passing periods.

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Students in grades 9-12 may use personal telecommunication/electronic devices to the extent authorized by a classroom teacher or administrator for instructional purposes.

The District is not responsible for personal telecommunications or electronic devices brought onto campus that become lost or stolen.

Parent / Guardian Notification

Parents will be notified when a student violates this policy and/or the Student Code of Conduct related to this policy.

In the event that the personal telecommunications device is not retrieved by the end of the third day after it was confiscated, the campus administrator shall, in a timely manner, send a written notice to the parent/guardian of the student. The notice shall advise the parent/guardian of the date and time that he or she may meet with the campus administrator to retrieve the device and discuss the student's violation of the District's policy governing the use of personal telecommunications devices.

Release of Telecommunications Devices

The campus administrator shall release the personal telecommunications device to the parent/guardian after the student has completed the necessary consequence, as defined by the student handbook, which is assigned by the administration.

All personal telecommunications devices not claimed within 30 calendar days shall become the property of the District.

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