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## CAPITAN MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

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### *AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY*

1. Board Meeting Date: December 16, 2024
2. Item Title: V.A.2 CMS Board Policy I-6350/IJNDA School use of Electronic Communication Devices by Students - Second Reading
3. Name of Presenter: V. Lee, Superintendent
4. This item is for: XX Action \_\_\_ Consent Agenda \_\_\_ Discussion \_\_\_ Report/Information
5. Proposed Motion (Action Items Only): I move that we approve the revisions to CMS Board Policy I-6350/IJNDA School Use of Electronic Devices by Students, as presented.
6. Executive Summary: As per board request, administration is providing CMS Board Policy I-6350/IJNDA School Use of Electronic Communication Devices by Students for discussion and possible future action. Please see attached.

**I-6350 IJNDA  
SCHOOL USE OF ELECTRONIC  
COMMUNICATION DEVICES BY STUDENTS**

For purposes of this policy, a *personal electronic communication device* (ECD) is any device that is not connected to a standard telephone outlet, and which receives signals or data from a dedicated communication link or cellular network or from a wireless network connected to the Internet. ECDs include, but are not limited to, cellular phones, smartphones, earphones, headphones, camera phones, digital camera devices, video and audio recording devices, digital recording devices, electronic storage devices (ESD), scanning devices, personal digital assistants (PDAs), MP3 players, iPods, iPads, tablets, computers, radios, pagers, any device that allows the possessor to access the Internet, or any similar device or any accessories to such devices such as earphones and Bluetooth devices.

The Capitan Municipal Schools Board of Education respects the decision of a parent or guardian to allow their child to bring a personal electronic communication device to school.

Because the Capitan Municipal Schools Board of Education is committed to ensuring that student use of ECDs does not interfere with or detract from the School District's educational mission and purpose, does not distract from, disrupt, or impede the educational process, does not violate the law, and does not interfere with the rights of others, this policy is intended to regulate student use of ECDs during school hours and District activities. Under this policy, the following uniform guidelines and consequences shall apply to all students.

- Possession of a cell phone or other ECD by a student at school is a privilege, which may be forfeited by any student who fails to abide by the terms of this policy, or who otherwise engages in misuse of that privilege.
- Parents and guardians of Capitan Municipal Schools students shall be advised of the process for contacting their children during the school day through the school office.
- A student may possess a cellular telephone or other electronic communication devices (ECD) on school property, at after school activities and at school related functions as follows:
  - Students may use their cell phone or ECD before school, ~~during lunch~~, and after school hours.
  - During school hours, and with the express permission of the student's classroom teacher, students may use ECDs for educational activities that enhance student learning.

- Students may not otherwise use ECDs during class time, or for disruptive or distractive activities which impede the educational process.
  - During school activities, when directed by an administrator, teacher, or sponsor, ECDs shall be turned off and stored away, out of sight.
  - The use of cellular phones and ECDs during testing is expressly prohibited.
  - The use of cell phones and other ECDs, including any recording capacity of such devices, is prohibited in locker rooms.
- A student who possesses an ECD shall be solely responsible for its care and safekeeping. At no time shall the District be responsible for preventing theft, loss, or damage to ECDs brought onto its property, unless the cell phone or ECD is confiscated by school personnel.
  - The Superintendent shall promulgate a regulation for the enforcement of this policy, including disciplinary action for students who violate this policy.

*Adopted:* March 21, 2022

*Revised:* December 16, 2024