Electronic Devices

To promote a safe and distraction-free learning environment for all students, and in accordance with Arizona House Bill 2484 (2024), this policy establishes the regulations regarding the use of personal electronic devices (PEDs), including cell phones, by students during the school day. This policy applies to all students enrolled in the Deer Valley Unified School District (DVUSD) during instructional hours, covering all areas of the school, including classrooms, hallways, restrooms, lunch areas, assemblies, and any school-sponsored activities on campus during the regular school day. Students are required to keep their personal electronic devices turned off and stored away throughout the school day, unless they obtain explicit permission from a DVUSD staff member for instructional or health-related purposes.

Permissible Use Scenarios
• When authorized by a teacher for instructional purposes.
• When authorized by a healthcare plan (e.g., monitoring glucose levels). Must work with the School Nurse.
• During emergency situations, as directed by staff.
• By students with 504 plans or IEPs if PED use is an approved accommodation.

Prohibited Use Unless one of the permissible use scenarios applies, students may not:

• Use PEDs in the classroom, hallways, restrooms, lunchrooms, or common areas.
• Take photos, videos, or make recordings at school.
• Use messaging, calling, or social media apps during school hours.
•Recording in the classroom or anywhere on campus without prior administrative permission may be a violation of FERPA. Please see Bus Discipline Procedures on P. 4 regarding personal electronic devices on the bus. 18 Rev. 5/6/24

*Students should understand that they bring a personally owned electronic device on campus at their own risk.

*DVUSD assumes no liability for the loss, theft, or damage of any personally owned electronic device on campus.

*All District-issued devices are intended for educational purposes only. These devices are subject to search by District staff, and inappropriate use and/or access may result in a loss of the privilege of using the device as well as discipline. Parents/guardians may be held liable for the repair or replacement costs of any school equipment or property that a student uses at home or at school and is willfully or through negligence damaged or lost.