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Devices Allowed With Controls

Student-Owned Electronic Communications Devices

The District recognizes that electronic devices, such as smartphones, can be powerful learning tools. Students, with permission of their parent(s)/guardian(s), or the student him/herself if over eighteen years of age, may be in possession of personal electronic devices such as smart phones, cellular telephones, pagers/beepers, laptops, tablets, e-readers, or other related electronic devices on school property. The devices shall not be used in a manner that disrupts the educational process, including, but not limited to, posing a threat to academic integrity or violating confidentiality or privacy rights of another individual. Unless an emergency situation exists that involves imminent physical danger or a certified District employee authorizes the student to do otherwise (such as use in class), use of devices shall be limited to the period before classes begin in the morning, during the student's lunch period, and after the student's last class in the afternoon.

Access to the devices is a privilege and not a right. Each student will be required to follow the Acceptable Use of Electronic Networks Policy and the Internet Access Conduct Agreement.

Students may only access the internet through the filtered District connection, regardless of whether they are using their personal device or a District-issued device. District staff will not provide software or technical assistance for student-owned devices.

Students needing to use a power cord for personal devices may do so as long as it does not present a safety hazard ie: stretched out cords, charging in hallways, etc.

The use of cameras in any type of electronic device is strictly prohibited in locker rooms, and restrooms, and classrooms unless a certified District employee authorizes the student to do otherwise. Where students are allowed to use electronic devices, they are required to obtain permission before taking a photograph or video of any individual. Students must also obtain permission from any individual appearing in a photograph or video prior to posting on any social networking site or other internet site.

Students found to be using any electronic communications device to in any way send or receive personal messages, data, or information that would contribute to or constitute cheating on any student assessment, project, or assignment shall be subject to discipline, and the device shall be confiscated and not returned until a parent conference has been held.

Students are responsible for safeguarding devices they bring to school. The District shall not be responsible for loss, theft, damages, or destruction of student owned devices brought onto school property.

Students shall comply with any additional rules developed by the school concerning appropriate use of telecommunication or other electronic devices.

Students violating the provisions of this policy are subject to disciplinary action, including losing the privilege of bringing the device onto school property, detention, suspension, or expulsion. In addition, an administrator will confiscate the device, which shall only be returned to the student's parent(s)/guardian(s). Where appropriate, police authorities may be contacted.

The controls on electronic communication devices contained in this policy do not apply to special education or Section 504 students or students with an Individualized Education Plan when any of these or other such similar plans conflict with uses outlined herein.

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