Possession and Use of Cell Phones and other Electronic Devices

To promote the best possible learning and social environment in Searcy County School District students will not be allowed to use their cell phones, airpods, smart watches, or other personal devices during the school day. Every student will be assigned a personal Yondr Pouch to store their personal devices in. Devices are to be stored in the Yondr pouch whether the device is working or not. **Students are expected to bring their Yondr pouch every day and return it in good shape at the end of the school year.**

Process for Pouch Use
Start of School Day:

1. Before entering the building, turn off your phone/smartwatch/AirPods/personal devices.
2. Upon entering, place your phone/smartwatch/Airpods/personal device into your YONDR Pouch, whether the device is working or not.
3. Once your devices are inside the pouch, securely close it using the locking button, then store it in your backpack.
4. You are responsible for arriving to class on time with a securely locked pouch.

During the School Day:

1. Keep your cell phone/airpods/smartwatch inside your Yondr Pouch for the entire school day.
2. If you need to leave campus for an appointment, unlock your pouch at the main office before leaving. Upon re-entry, you must relock your pouch at the main office.
3. You may not access your cell phone/airpods/smartwatch during the school day anywhere on campus.

End of School Day:

1. At the end of the school day, unlock your pouch using an unlocking base stationed at the exit doors.
2. Remove your devices from the pouch..
3. Place your pouch in your backpack for the next day. It is your responsibility to keep track of your pouch. ***If you forget to unlock your pouch, you will need to wait until the beginning of the next school day to unlock it.***

Violations:

The following violations will result in the confiscation of the student's cell phone/airpods/smartwatch and/or Yondr Pouch by school staff:

1. **Tampering with the Pouch:** Any physical damage to the pouch intended to bypass its purpose (e.g., inappropriate markings, holes, bent pin, stripped lock, use of a non-authorized magnet to open the pouch, etc.) will be treated as a violation. Refer to the Student Handbook for actions related to theft or similar offenses.
2. **Repeated Loss or Forgetfulness:** If a student forgets their Pouch and tells a staff member, their phone will be collected and Admin will call home to remind the Parent of the policy. The phone will be returned to the student at dismissal. Consistently forgetting your Pouch will result in further disciplinary action described below.
3. **Damaging or Taking Another's Pouch:** Damaging or taking someone else's Yondr Pouch is a violation. 4. **Unauthorized Phone Use:** Using a phone anywhere on campus or district facilities during school hours are prohibited.

Consequences for cell phone and electronic device violations follow:

School Property Violation; Policy 4.18 Willfully or intentionally damaging, destroying, defacing, or stealing school property.	-Replacement fee of $30 per phone pouch --ISS -OSS

4.47 Electronic Devices; Policy	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	Additional Offenses
Electronic device means anything that can be used to transmit or capture images, sound, or data.	-Warning -Phone confiscated -Parent Contact to pick up phone	-Phone confiscated -Parent contact to pick up phone -Detention	-Phone Confiscated --In school suspension -Parent contact to pick up phone	-Phone confiscated -Parent Meeting/ pick up phone -ISS/OSS -No phone at school

4.18 Insubordination Policy	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	Additional Offenses
Disrespect for school employees and failing to comply with their reasonable directions or otherwise demonstrating insubordination.	-Detention/ISS/OSS -Phone confiscated -Parent Contact to pick up phone	-Phone confiscated -Parent contact to pick up phone -Detention/ISS/OSS	-Phone Confiscated -Detention/ISS/OSS -Parent contact to pick up phone	-Phone confiscated -Parent Meeting/pick up phone -ISS/OSS -No phone at school

**Please note that offenses are cumulative and apply to a student's overall conduct, not limited to any specific class or period. For example, a first offense in one class and a second offense in another will be treated as the second offense overall.*

CELL PHONES AND PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

A "personal communication device" is any device that emits an audible signal, vibrates, displays a message or otherwise summons or delivers a communication to the possessor.

During the school day, students shall comply with the Possession and Use of Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices Policy found on page **91** Cell Phone use. For after school activities, the use of these devices shall be at the discretion of the activity sponsor. Students that are observed to be using any personal electronic device will have it confiscated. All confiscated devices will be turned in to the principal or assistant principal. Confiscated devices will be kept in the office until picked up by a parent or guardian. Any additional consequences for offenders are listed in each school's handbook. The principal or principal designee may grant a student permission to use a personal communication device at the principal's or principal designee's discretion.

The school system does not assume responsibility for any of these devices that may be lost, damaged, stolen, or confiscated.

CONSEQUENCES

A user who violates this Policy, shall at a minimum, have his or her access to the computer network, email, and Internet terminated, which the School District may refuse to reinstate for the remainder of the student's enrollment in the School District depending on infraction. A user violates this Policy by his or her own action or by failing to report any violations by other users that come to the attention of the user. The School District Administrator can take disciplinary action in addition to these measures.

- Suspension or revocation of Internet, or E-mail access
- Suspension or revocation of access to all computers at school
- Suspension or expulsion from school
- Legal action and prosecution by authorities
- Monetary responsibility for damages incurred

The building administrator in consultation with the Superintendent and District Technology Coordinator will take disciplinary actions.

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