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SUBJECT: STUDENT USE OF PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY

The Board of Education seeks to maintain a safe and secure environment for students and staff. Advances in technology have made it possible to expand the learning environment beyond traditional classroom boundaries. Using personal electronic devices during instructional time can enable students to explore new concepts, personalize their learning experience and expand their global learning opportunities. This policy defines the use of personal technology during instructional and non-instructional times and reinforces the standard that all use, regardless of its purpose, must follow the guidelines outlined in the Student Acceptable Use Policy (AUP), the District's Code of Conduct, the Dignity for All Students Act and Student Handbooks.

Personal technology includes all existing and emerging technology devices that can take photographs; record audio or video; input text; upload and download media; and transmit or receive messages or images. Examples of personal technology includes, but are not limited to, cellphones, iPods or other MP3 players; iPads, tablets, notebooks, or any other computing devices; cameras, other photographic equipment, and scanning devices; wearable devices/smart wearables, including smartwatches and health wearables with display; headphones, headsets, or in-ear headphones such as earbuds, and any other device capable of recording audio, photographic, or video content, or capable of viewing or playing back such content, audio, or messages.

Instructional purposes include, but are not limited to, approved classroom activities, research, college admissions activities, career development, communication with experts, homework and other activities as deemed appropriate by school staff.

Personal technology use by students can be permitted during the school day for educational purposes only. Teachers will indicate when and if classroom use is acceptable according to the Building Code of Conduct and Student Handbook. Students are expected to act responsibly and thoughtfully when using technology resources. Students bear the burden of responsibility to inquire with school administrators and/or teachers when they are unsure of the permissibility of a particular use of technology prior to engaging in such use.

Appropriate use of only personal technology during non-instructional time is subject to the guidelines in the AUP, the building Student Handbook, Building Code of Conduct and the *Code of Conduct (Policy 3410)*.

The School Board of Education expects all students to conduct themselves in an appropriate and civil manner per the District Code of Conduct, with proper regard for the rights and welfare of other students, personnel and other members of the school community. Conduct that is disorderly which pertains to this prohibition are: the unauthorized use of personal electronic devices/equipment; unauthorized use of personal computers, laptops and/or computerized information resources; defamation of an individual/individuals by posting or publishing video, audio recordings or pictures on the internet, cell phones, YouTube, FaceBook, etc.; harassment, which includes communication (verbal, written, electronic or graphic) and sexual harassment, which includes unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, taking, sending, or receiving sexually explicit videos, pictures or auditory recordings and other verbal or physical conduct or communication of a sexual nature.

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Internet bullying/cyberbullying, including the use of instant messaging, e-mail, Web sites, chat rooms, and text messaging, when such use interferes with the operation of the school or infringes upon the general health, safety and welfare of students and staff, is also prohibited.

In order to ensure the integrity of testing, in accordance with state guidelines, students are not allowed to bring cell phones or other electronic devices to their seats while in exam locations during state assessments and final exams.

Test proctors, monitors and school officials shall have the right to collect cell phones and other prohibited electronic devices prior to the start of the test and to hold them for the duration of the test-taking time. Admission to the test will be prohibited to any student who has a cell phone or other electronic device in their possession and does not relinquish it.

Students with individualized education plans (IEPs), 504 Plans, or documentation from a medical practitioner that specifically requires the use of an electronic device may do so as specified.

The District shall not be liable for the loss, damage, misuse, or theft of any personal technology brought to School. The District reserves the right to monitor, inspect, and/or confiscate personal technology when the administration has reasonable suspicion to believe that a violation of school policy or criminal law has occurred

The Board expressly prohibits the use of personal technology in locker rooms, restrooms, Health Offices and any other areas where a person would reasonably expect some degree of personal privacy.

The District reserves the right to restrict student use of District-owned technologies and personal technology on school property or at school-sponsored events, at the discretion of the administration.

Building Plans for Student Use of Personal Technology

Due to the rapidly changing nature of technology and its usage within and outside of the District, the Board of Education will require that the Junior High School and the High School clearly indicate the acceptable usage of and consequences for violation of Policy 7316 in their building Codes of Conduct and Student Handbooks annually. These shall be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools for his/her approval.

NOTE: Refer to Policies: 7370 – Student Use of Computerized Information Resources
7550 – Dignity for All Students
8271 – Children’s Internet Protection Act

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