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## DSHS Cell Phone & Electronic Device Policy (25-26)

Titan Scholars & Families,

On April 14, 2025 Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs signed House Bill 2484, which requires school districts and charter schools to restrict the use of wireless communication devices (such as cellphones and headphones) by students during the school day. DSA administration echoes the words of Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Horne when he said that "no teacher should be required to teach a class where the students are scrolling on their phones".

For these reasons DSA administration has updated the Cellphones and Electronic Equipment Policy to read as follows:

- Cellphones and electronic devices (such as earphones or smart watches) **must be turned off and put away in the classroom at all times**. Cellphones are not to be used at any time during the classroom instruction or during assemblies (unless identified for instructional purposes by the teacher). Any cellphone/electronic device not being utilized for instructional purposes with direct teacher permission will be confiscated.
- Additionally, It is unlawful for any scholar to knowingly photograph, videotape, film, or digitally record or by any other means use a device to secretly view or record another person without that person's consent. It is also unlawful to disclose, display, distribute, or publish a photograph, videotape, film, or digital recording made without the consent of the person depicted. Refer to ARS Statute 13-3019. Violation of this statute is a Class 5 felony. **Cellphone use and recording is prohibited inside of all DSA bathrooms.**
- **Scholars bring these devices to school at their own risk.** If a Scholar has a cellphone or other electronic device on campus and it is damaged, lost, or stolen, the school will not utilize resources to investigate the incident nor will DSA take any financial responsibility for the cellphone or for any other electronic device.
- Consequences:
  - 1st offense - Cellphone/electronic device is confiscated and turned into building administration and picked up by parents.
  - 2nd offense - Cellphone/electronic device is confiscated and turned into building administration and all privileges suspended for one week.
  - 3rd offense - Cellphone/electronic device is confiscated and turned into building administration and all privileges suspended for one semester.
  - 4th offense - Cellphone/electronic device is confiscated and turned into building administration and scholars will be suspended one day.
  - Subsequent offenses- Scholars will be subject to site based disciplinary action, which may include loss of privileges, or ISS/OSS.
- A scholar's failure to surrender a cellphone or any other electronic device when asked by any DSA staff member will result in additional disciplinary consequences as outlined in the "Discipline Matrix" of the Scholar-Parent Handbook for "Defiance, Disrespect Towards Authority, and Non-Compliance".

If you have any questions regarding our this or other DSHS policies don't hesitate to call our school or contact me at [josuna@dsk12.org](mailto:josuna@dsk12.org).

Thank you for your help and understanding,

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