

### **PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

The Governing Board recognizes that student use of smartphones and other mobile communication devices on campus may be beneficial to student learning and well-being. It could also be harmful and disruptive to the instructional program in some circumstances. This policy is designed to support students in developing healthy habits around technology use to help maximize their educational experience. When on campus or when under the supervision of district employees, students may use smartphones and other mobile communication devices only as permitted under this policy in compliance with AB3216, the Phone Free Schools Act, under any of the following circumstances: (Education Code 48901.5, 48901.7):

1. In the case of an emergency, or in response to a perceived threat of danger
2. When a teacher or administrator grants permission to the student to possess or use a mobile communication device, subject to any reasonable limitation imposed by that teacher or administrator
3. When a licensed physician or surgeon determines that the possession or use is necessary for the student's health and well-being
4. When the possession or use is required by the student's individualized education program

The Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent will undertake measures or strategies in accordance with law to limit student access to smartphones and other mobile communication devices on campus. (Education Code 48901.7)

When a student uses a mobile communication device in an unauthorized manner while at a school site or under the supervision and control of a district employee, the student will be disciplined and the district employee may temporarily confiscate the device. The employee shall store the device securely until it is returned to the student or turned over to the principal or assistant principal, as appropriate.

The district will not be responsible or liable for a student's mobile communication device which is brought on campus or to a school activity and is lost, stolen, or damaged.

The Board shall review and, as necessary, update this policy at least once every five years. Any such review or update shall include significant stakeholder participation to ensure that the policy is responsive to the unique needs and desires of the school community.

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