

5695 CELL PHONE POLICY

SUBJECT: USE OF INTERNET-ENABLED DEVICES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

The Dansville Central School District prohibits the use of internet-enabled devices by students during the school day anywhere on school grounds.

Definitions

a) "Internet-enabled devices" shall mean and include any smartphone, tablet, smartwatch, or other device capable of connecting to the internet and enabling the user to access content on the internet, including social media applications; provided, however, that "internet-enabled devices" shall not include:

i) internet-enabled devices supplied by the district that are used for an educational purpose.

b) "School day" shall mean all instructional time and non-instructional time, bell-to-bell, including but not limited to homeroom periods, lunch, recess, study halls, and passing time.

c) NYS law defines "school grounds" shall mean in or on or within any building, structure, athletic playing field, playground, or land contained within the real property boundary line of an elementary, intermediate, junior high, vocational, or high school, a charter school, or a board of cooperative educational services facility.

Method for Contacting Students During the School Day

Parents/guardians may contact the main offices of each building if it is necessary to contact students during the school day. The following is the contact information for the Main Offices:

- Dansville High School – (585) 335-4010
- Ellis B. Hyde Elementary School – (585) 335-4030
- Dansville Primary School – (585) 335-4040

The aforementioned method for contacting students during the school day will be included in the District's calendar, website, and student handbooks.

On-site Storage for Internet-Enabled Devices

Students who bring an internet-enabled device to school will be required to store their device in designated on-site storage areas during the school day. On-site storage areas will be designated in each school building in a storage container identified and supplied by the district only. Internet-enabled devices will be turned off, secured, and will not be accessed during the school day. The District will communicate the procedures for storing and retrieving devices, ensuring that students understand their responsibilities in using the on-site storage facilities provided.

Authorization for Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devices

District administration may authorize student use of internet-enabled devices during the school day on school grounds for the following reasons:

a) if authorized by a teacher or the school district or board of cooperative educational services for a specific educational purpose;

- b) where necessary for the management of a student's healthcare when accompanied by medical documentation (i.e. diabetes management, pacemaker monitoring, etc);
- c) for translation services that cannot otherwise be accommodated by a district provided device;
- d) on a case-by-case basis, as required by an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or Section 504 Accommodation Plan to provide a specific modification or accommodation based on a documented disability, that cannot otherwise be accommodated by a district provided device.
- e) where required by law.

Publication

The District will publish in a clearly visible and accessible location on its website the internet-enabled device policy. Translation of such policy into any of the twelve most common non-English languages spoken by limited-English proficient individuals in the state, based on the data in the most recent American community survey published by the United States census bureau, shall be provided upon request.

Reporting

The District will publish an annual report on its website detailing enforcement of the policy within the district in the prior school year, including non-identifiable demographic data of students who have faced disciplinary action for non-compliance and analysis of any demographic disparities in enforcement of the policy as required by NYS law. If a statistically significant disparate enforcement impact is identified, such report shall include a mitigation action plan as required by NYS law.

Disciplinary Consequence

The district shall take a progressive disciplinary approach to students who are found in violation of this policy as outlined in our student Code of Conduct except where prohibited by law as outlined below.

Prohibited Disciplinary Consequence

Each school district, charter school, and board of cooperative educational services shall not permit the suspension of a student if the sole grounds for the suspension is that the student accessed an internet-enabled device in violation of the policy.

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