R 5516 USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES

The following provisions govern student use of electronic communication devices on school grounds.

A. General Guidelines

Permitted Use

Students may use electronic communication devices only during the following times or locations:

- During lunch periods (high school only)
- When specifically authorized by a teacher for instructional purposes
- On a school bus, if permitted by the Principal or designee
- In the main office or nurse's office, with explicit permission from the nurse or administrator

Prohibited Use

Under no circumstances may students use electronic devices to record, photograph, or communicate in restrooms, locker rooms, shower areas, or any other location where individuals have a reasonable expectation of privacy.

All use of electronic devices must also comply with Board Policy 5516, the Student Code of Conduct, and applicable State and Federal laws.

Storage and Security

- Students are encouraged not to bring electronic devices to school.
- Devices brought to school must be powered off and passcode protected when not in use.
- Devices should be kept in a backpack, locker, or designated classroom storage area.
- The district is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged devices.

Communication During the School Day

If a student needs to contact a parent or guardian, they must request permission to use the main office phone.

Parents who need to reach their child during the school day must call the school's main office.

B. Disciplinary Consequences

Consequences reset at the beginning of each school year.

1. First Offense

High School / Middle School: In-School Suspension or Saturday Detention
Elementary: Verbal warning and parent notification
Student may pick up the device at the end of the school day after signing a written acknowledgment.

2. Second Offense

High School / Middle School: In-School Suspension or increased Saturday Detentions
Elementary: Detention; parent notification
Parent must sign a receipt acknowledging a second offense.
Student may also be placed on a cell phone restriction plan.

3. Third Offense

High School / Middle School: In-School Suspension and/or Saturday Detentions, plus a hearing with the Superintendent. The student will be placed on a cell phone plan for the school year.
Elementary: Two detentions; parent notification

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