Annual Distraction-Free Schools Policy Enforcement Report

Reporting Year: 25-26
District/BOCES: Fort Edward
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1. Policy Overview

The District, as directed by the New York State Education Department, has constructed the following Internet-Enabled Devices policy. This policy prohibits the use of internet enabled devices by students during the school day on school grounds. This policy aims to ensure that students remain focused on their academic responsibilities throughout the school day, which includes all instructional and non-instructional periods such as homeroom, lunch, recess, study halls and passing time.

The Fort Edward distraction free school policy was implemented effective September 1, 2025 and covered grades Pre K -12.

2. Enforcement Summary

Measure	Number
Total Student Enrollment	352
Students Receiving at Least One Violation	39
Total Violations Recorded	64
Verbal Warnings	51
Device Confiscations	64
Parent Notifications	15
Detentions	10
Other Disciplinary Actions	0

3. Demographic Analysis

Provide non-identifiable demographic information regarding students who faced disciplinary action for noncompliance with the policy.

Demographic Group	Enrollment %	Students Disciplined %	Difference
Female	47%	9%	
Male	53%	10%	
Students with Disabilities	23%	8%	
Economically Disadvantaged	63%	9%	
English Language Learners	<1	0	
White	89%	38	

Black/African American	2%	14%	
Hispanic/Latino	7%	0	
Asian	0	0	
Multiracial	0	0	
Other	0	0	

4. Findings and Interpretation

The policy was implemented with fidelity to all students and the data shows equal distribution of infractions and consequences imposed across all demographics. The intent is to continue following the procedures and protocols implemented this school year.

5. Statistical Significance Determination

Was a statistically significant disparate impact identified?

☐ Yes X No

6. Mitigation Action Plan (Complete Only if Required)

Area of Concern	Root Cause Analysis	Action Steps	Timeline	Responsible Party

Board/Administrative Certification

I certify that this report has been reviewed and published in accordance with the requirements of New York State Education Law regarding distraction-free schools policy enforcement reporting.

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