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R5516 STUDENT USE OF INTERNET-ENABLED DEVICES

The following provisions shall govern student use of internet-enabled devices on school grounds during the school day. The policy and this regulation shall be implemented in an age-appropriate manner, with procedures, communications, and consequences tailored as appropriate to the developmental needs of students at different grade levels.

A. Kindergarten through Grade 12

1. Students in Kindergarten through grade 12 are prohibited from using an internet-enabled device on school grounds during the school day, other than District-managed tools.
2. It is the student's responsibility to turn off the internet-enabled device and have the internet-enabled device password protected to prevent any unauthorized use of the device.
 - a. Each student who brings an internet-enabled device to school is expected to turn off their internet-enabled device and store it in their backpack, locker, or other bag throughout the entire school day. The District may implement or pilot an application-based or other technological system that restricts access to or use of personal internet-enabled devices during the school day. Such a system may supplement these storage requirements or, upon a determination that it effectively prevents device use throughout the school day, serve as an alternative method of compliance.
 - b. If a student brings a personal device to school, the student assumes the risk of damage, theft, or loss of the device. The school district is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged devices.



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3. Students shall be permitted to use their internet-enabled device on a school bus on their way to school at the start of the school day or on their way home from school at the end of the school day.
4. Students shall be permitted to use their internet-enabled device on school grounds before the start of the regular school day and on school grounds after the regular school day.
5. Students shall be permitted to use their internet-enabled device during school-sponsored events off school grounds during the school day while under the direct supervision of a school staff member or employee of the Board (e.g. field trip) after determining no reasonable alternative to the use of the internet-enabled device at school-sponsored events off school grounds during the school day exists only with the authorization of the Superintendent or designee.
6. Students shall be permitted to use their internet-enabled device during school-sponsored events taking place outside of the school day when students are under the direct supervision of a school staff member or employee of the Board (e.g., afterschool club meeting, sport team practice/game, etc.).
7. Students are prohibited from using non-internet-enabled devices. "Non-internet-enabled device" means a basic communication device that is not capable of connecting to the internet or enabling the user to access content on the internet (e.g., basic flip-style cell phones, two-way radio/walkie-talkie, etc.).



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8. Discipline

a. School staff members shall apply clear, age-appropriate consequences and use strategies to redirect students who use internet-enabled devices in violation of this Regulation and Policy 5516.

(1) First Offense in a School Year

- (a) The internet-enabled device shall be taken from the student by a school staff member or employee of the Board and turned in to the Principal or designee's office for the remainder of the school day.
- (b) It is the student's responsibility to turn off the internet-enabled device and have the internet-enabled device password protected to prevent any unauthorized use of the internet-enabled device before turning the internet-enabled device in to the school staff member or employee of the Board.
- (c) The student will be permitted to pick up the internet-enabled device in the Principal or designee's office at the end of the school day.
- (d) The student will have the internet-enabled device returned upon signing an acknowledgment of their first offense in a school year in violation of this Regulation and Policy 5516.
- (e) The following discipline will be imposed on a student for a first offense in a



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school year in violation of the provisions in this Regulation and Policy 5516: see Code of Student Conduct, Category 1 offenses.

(2) Second Offense in a School Year

- (a) The internet-enabled device shall be taken from the student by the school staff member or employee of the Board and turned in to the Principal or designee's office for the remainder of the school day.
- (b) It is the student's responsibility to turn off the internet-enabled device and have the internet-enabled device password protected to prevent any unauthorized use of the internet-enabled device before turning the internet-enabled device in to the school staff member or employee of the Board.
- (c) The internet-enabled device must be picked up at the Principal or designee's office by a parent at the end of the school day.
- (d) If the parent cannot pick up the internet-enabled device by the end of the school day, the parent may pick up the internet-enabled device before the end of the next or any subsequent school day.
- (e) The parent shall be required to sign for receipt of the internet-enabled device



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with notice provided of a second offense in a school year for their child.

- (f) The following discipline will be imposed on a student for a second offense in a school year in violation of the provisions in this Regulation and Policy 5516: see Code of Student Conduct, Category 1 offenses.

(3) Third Offense in a School Year

- (a) The internet-enabled device shall be taken from the student by the school staff member or employee of the Board and turned in to the Principal or designee's office for the remainder of the school day.
- (b) It is the student's responsibility to turn off the internet-enabled device and have the internet-enabled device password protected to prevent any unauthorized use of the internet-enabled device before turning the internet-enabled device in to the school staff member or employee of the Board.
- (c) The internet-enabled device must be picked up at the Principal or designee's office by a parent at the end of the school day.
- (d) If the parent cannot pick up the internet-enabled device by the end of the school day, the parent may pick up the internet-enabled device before the



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end of the next or any subsequent school day.

- (e) The parent shall be required to sign for receipt of the internet-enabled device with notice provided of a third offense in a school year for their child.
- (f) The following discipline will be imposed on a student for a third offense in a school year in violation of the provisions in this Regulation and Policy 5516: see Code of Student Conduct, Category 2 offenses (repeated occurrence of Category 1 offense).

(4) Fourth Offense in a School Year

- (a) The internet-enabled device shall be taken from the student by the school staff member or employee of the Board and turned in to the Principal or designee's office for the remainder of the school day.
- (b) It is the student's responsibility to turn off the internet-enabled device and have the internet-enabled device password protected to prevent any unauthorized use of the internet-enabled device before turning the internet-enabled device in to the school staff member or employee of the Board.
- (c) The internet-enabled device must be picked up at the Principal or designee's office by a parent at the end of the school day.



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- (d) If the parent cannot pick up the internet-enabled device by the end of the school day, the parent may pick up the internet-enabled device before the end of the next or any subsequent school day.
 - (e) The parent shall be required to sign for receipt of the internet-enabled device with notice provided of a fourth offense in a school year for their child.
 - (f) The following discipline will be imposed on a student for a fourth offense in a school year in violation of the provisions in this Regulation and Policy 5516: see Code of Student Conduct, Category 2 offenses (repeated occurrence of Category 1 offense).
9. Students are strictly prohibited from recording audio or video of any other student or staff member without the prior consent of the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) or the staff member. This applies in all locations and circumstances, not just areas where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy. This also applies to personal devices as well as District-managed tools. Violations of this provision will result in disciplinary action in accordance with the Code of Student Conduct and may result in additional consequences, as well as confiscation.

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