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2026/2027 PARENT/STUDENT AFFIRMATION

CODE OF CONDUCT

The school district needs the support of all parents/guardians to help ensure that their child/children fully understand the **Code of Conduct** and the consequences for poor or inappropriate behavior. We ask that you sit down with your child/children and review the **Code of Conduct, Code of Conduct Brochure, Code of Conduct Appendix 1 and Code of Conduct Appendix 2** in detail.

PUBLICATIONS: RELEASE OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION/ PUBLICATIONS IN PRINT/ON WEBSITE

As you know, the South Country Central School District proudly publishes information about the many accomplishments of its students. Unless objected to in writing by September 16, 2026, the District herewith gives notice of intent to provide, release or publish information on the District's website and in publications such as local, school or student newspapers, magazines, yearbooks, daily or weekly newspapers, athletic programs, musical or theatrical programs or to the military (11th & 12 grade students), any or all "directory" information as may be appropriate under the circumstances. Directory information includes student names, names of parents, address, age, height, weight, grade, major field of study, photographs, student participation in recognized school activities, extracurricular activities and sports programs, academic honors, achievements, awards, scholarships and similar information. **Parents who do not desire release of any of the directory information during the 2026-2027 school year must make specific requests in writing. Failure to make such a request shall be deemed consent.**

CELL PHONES

Policy 5695- Students and Personal Electronic Devices: This revised policy reflects our commitment to fostering a safe, focused, and supportive learning environment for all students. With the rise in digital distractions and concerns regarding student well-being, the updated policy outlines clear guidelines regarding the use of cell phones and other internet-enabled personal devices during the school day.

Key Highlights of Policy 5695:

- No student use of internet-enabled devices (e.g., cell phones, smartwatches, tablets) is permitted during the school day on school grounds including in class, during lunch, recess, and hallway transitions, unless a documented exception applies.
- Elementary school students (K-5) are not permitted to bring devices to school.
- Middle and High School students are strongly encouraged to leave all internet-enabled devices at home. If a student in grades 6-12 needs to bring internet-enabled devices to

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school, those devices must be stored in the student's school-issued locker for the duration of the school day.

- Exceptions, with administrative approval and appropriate documentation, may be granted for students with medical needs, students with family care responsibilities, and students in grades four and five who walk home unsupervised.
- In case of emergency, communication between parents and students must go through the school's main office.
- Devices used without approval will be held in the main office until the end of the day, with escalating consequences for repeated violations.

The district asks that all parents/guardians affirm that they have reviewed this document and policies noted within with their child/children by indicating so on Parent Portal.

**Please complete the affirmations noted on Parent Portal
by September 1, 2026**