

Annual Distraction-Free Schools Policy Enforcement Report

Reporting Year 2025-2026

District/BOCES: **OCM BOCES**

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1. Policy Overview

Provide a brief description of the distraction-free schools policy, including grades covered, devices covered, enforcement expectations, and any notable implementation details.

Students in grades UPK-12 are not allowed to have personal devices out at school during school hours. Students in elementary grades are expected to have any personal devices powered off and put away throughout the entire day, this includes any watches that connect to the internet. Students in grades 7-12 must place their personal cell phones and internet enabled device inside a district issued faraday pouch where it is expected to remain throughout the entire school day, bell to bell.

2. Enforcement Summary

Measure	Number
Total Student Enrollment	1419
Students Receiving at Least One Violation	147
Total Violations Recorded	147
Verbal Warnings	147
Device Confiscations	147
Parent Notifications	147
Detentions	0
Other Disciplinary Actions	0

3. Demographic Analysis

Provide non-identifiable demographic information regarding students who did not follow the policy and whose phones were confiscated.

Demographic Group	Enrollment %	Student Violation %
Female	49	5
Male	51	14

4. Findings and Interpretation

Describe trends observed in the data, identify any disparities, discuss possible contributing factors, and explain how the district/BOCES will continue monitoring enforcement practices.

The majority of non-compliance fell at the high school level and high school males were the predominant offenders of the policy. The Building Principal will work with students and staff members to emphasize the policy “why” and continue to explain consequences for non-compliance.

5. Statistical Significance Determination

Was a statistically significant disparate impact identified?

☐ Yes ☒ **No**

6. Mitigation Action Plan (Complete Only if Required)

Area of Concern	Root Cause Analysis	Action Steps	Timeline	Responsible Party