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Personal Communication Devices

This regulation establishes the guidelines for governing student use and possession of cell phones on school property from the start of the school day, upon entering campus, until the final bell or the conclusion of the last instructional period, and on school buses, and to prescribe appropriate measures for disciplining a pupil who violates the policy for Board Policy JFCEB in the Mineral County School District.

APPLICABILITY: All students

MONITORING RESPONSIBILITY: Site Administrator/Designee

OUTLINE OF PROCEDURE:

1. Student cell phones, smart glasses, earbuds, headphones, and other electronic entertainment or recording devices must be powered off and stored out of sight (e.g., in Yonder pouches, backpacks, lockers, or bags) with smartwatches in airplane mode from the start of the school day upon entering campus until the final bell or the conclusion of the last instructional period.

2. Any cell phones, smart glasses, earbuds, headphones, and other electronic entertainment or recording devices that are visible are considered in use, will be subject to confiscation by school administrators/designees, and will only be confiscated and released at the end of the day to the student (first offense) or to the parent/legal guardian (succeeding offenses).

3. During a crisis event necessitating a school lockdown, students may access their cell phones for emergency communication.

4. Cell phones shall be permitted on school buses, as authorized by the driver, unless the cell phone causes a disruption on the school bus.

    a. Personal cell phones must be turned off or silenced and put away during bus evacuation drills.

    b. Whenever the school bus is stopped at railroad crossings or pulled over at the side of the road, with the driver addressing the riders, cell phones shall be turned off or silenced, and all earpieces (earbuds, headphones, etc.) shall be removed from the ears.

5. The school district strictly prohibits students from using any electronic device to photograph or record students or employees during the school day. School leadership can grant permission for photographs or recordings during assemblies and other celebratory school activities and performances.

6. The school district strictly prohibits the use of cell phones, smart glasses, calculators, cameras, video cameras, or any other electronic device that has the capability of taking, storing, or transmitting pictures, video, audio, or data in the following areas:

a. Locker rooms

b. Restrooms

c. Any room where testing is conducted, regardless of the type of test.

The use of any type of device for cheating, bullying, harassing, or commissioning a crime will result in disciplinary action. Using a cell phone or device to transmit or store pictures, video, audio, or data in prohibited areas will result in suspension, expulsion, and/or legal action.

MINIMUM CONSEQUENCES:

First Offense:

• The device shall be confiscated

• The parent/legal guardian shall be notified

• During parent/legal guardian contact, arrangements will be made to release the device to the student after school

• The policy shall be reviewed with the student and his/her parent/legal guardian

• Consequence shall follow the progressive discipline plan matrix recommended consequences for "Technology Violation"

• A warning/reminder shall be given to the parent/student regarding the consequences of any future violation

• Refusal to turn over the device will result in disciplinary action as "Insubordination" up to 3rd offense consequences

Second Offense:

• The device shall be confiscated

• The parent/legal guardian shall be notified

• The device shall be turned over to the parent/legal guardian

• The policy shall again be reviewed with the student and his/her parent/legal guardian

- Consequence shall follow the progressive discipline plan matrix recommended consequences for "Technology Violation"

- A warning/reminder shall be given to the parent/student regarding the consequences of any future violation

- Refusal to turn over the device will result in disciplinary action as "Insubordination" up to 3rd offense consequences

Third Offense:

- The device shall be confiscated

- The parent/legal guardian shall be notified

- The device shall be turned over to the parent/legal guardian

- Consequence shall follow the progressive discipline plan matrix recommended consequences for "Technology Violation"

- Refusal to turn over the device will result in disciplinary action as "Insubordination" up to 3rd offense consequences

NOTE: Further disciplinary measures may apply depending on the severity of the offense. A student who uses a personal electronic device in the commission of any other disciplinary offense shall have the consequences for the offense increased by a step.

Appeals: After determining a third student offense, a parent/legal guardian shall have the right to submit a written appeal to the Superintendent/Designee within ten (10) school days.

The regulation will be included in the Parent/Student Code of Conduct. Parents/Legal Guardians may request special exceptions for medical conditions from the site administrator. This regulation does not hinder NCSD compliance with Federal 504 and IDEA laws.