Use of Cellphones and Electronic Communications Devices by Students

Recognizing the impact of student cellphone use on student mental health and achievement and the distractions cellphones present within the classroom, the Board prohibits student use of cellphones during the instructional day except:

1. if permitted under the building's comprehensive emergency management plan; for student learning or to monitor or address a health concern if included in a student's individualized education program or plan, a 504 plan or other reason deemed appropriate by the Superintendent/designee to monitor or address a student health concern or
2. to monitor or address a health concern if the Board receives a written statement from the student's physician requiring such use.

The Board directs the Superintendent/designee to develop procedures governing student use of cellphones that align with this policy.

Such procedures must be included in all student handbooks. Students violating District procedures or building regulations for use of cellphones and other electronic communications devices may have their phone or device confiscated and may be subject to discipline.

The District assumes no liability if a student's phone or electronic communications device is broken, lost or stolen. Notices of this policy are posted, in the student handbooks and posted in a prominent location on the District website.

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Legal References:

Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504, Section 504
ORC 3313.20
ORC 3313.753
ORC Chapter 3323

Cross References:

AC - Nondiscrimination
EBC - Emergency Management and Safety Plans
EDE - Computer/Online Services (Acceptable Use and Internet Safety)

EGAC, Telephone Services
JFA, Student Due Process Rights
JFC - Student Conduct (Zero Tolerance)
JFCEA - Gangs
JFCF - Hazing and Bullying (Harassment, Intimidation and Dating Violence)
Student Handbook