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A. Introduction

The School Board recognizes that many high school students have access to personal electronic communication devices such as cell phones, smart watches, iPads, etc. Though many high school students choose to bring these devices to school, the School Board reserves the right to institute rules and expectations for personal communication device use while students are engaged in school activities.

Personal electronic communication devices are for personal use. There should be no expectation that students will be required to use their personal electronic communication devices to access the curriculum or as a learning tool in our classrooms.

B. Student Behavior Expectations for Electronic Communication Device Use

1. Any use of cell phones or other electronic devices that violates any Board policy, administrative procedure or school rule is strictly prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, violations of the Student Conduct Policy (JIC), cheating, and accessing, viewing, posting, forwarding, downloading or displaying any materials that are defamatory, abusive, obscene, vulgar, sexually suggestive, threatening, discriminatory, harassing, and/or illegal.
2. The use of cameras, including camera phones, is strictly prohibited in locker rooms, restrooms and classrooms. Students shall not photograph or record tape any individual, student or adult during the school day unless authorized by administration. The distribution of any unauthorized media may result in disciplinary action including, but not limited to school suspension, expulsion from school, and criminal charges.
3. Personal electronic communication devices may be subject to search if there is a reasonable suspicion that a student is violating board policies, administrative procedures, or school rules, or engaging in other misconduct.
4. Building administrators will have the right to confiscate any electronic communication device that is being used in a manner considered by administration as inappropriate, disruptive, or distracting to the student, other students and/or to the learning environment. Electronic devices shall not be used during instructional setting. Building administration, or designee will determine what use is considered appropriate and those expectations will be communicated to students and parents.
5. On occasion, a student may need to use an electronic communication device throughout the school day to meet their individual needs (i.e., monitoring for a health condition). Those needs can be outlined in a plan approved by:
 - building administration, or
 - by a team such as an Individual Education Plan (IEP) team or a 504 accommodation plan team, or

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as part of a medical care plan that identifies the reasons an electronic communication device is required.

C. School District Responsibility

The School District will not be liable for any loss, damage, misuse or theft of a personally owned electronic communication device. Students bring these personal devices to school at their own risk.

D. Parent/Child Communication Procedure:

While school is in session, parents/guardians who need to talk to their child must call the school office and leave a message. Their child will be given the message to call home. If the message requires immediate attention, school office personnel will inform the child's teacher who will inform the child. In an emergency, the child will be allowed to return the call immediately from the school office.

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