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For purposes of this policy, "wireless communication device" ("WCD") includes computers, tablets (e.g., iPads and similar devices), electronic readers ("e-readers"; e.g., Kindles and similar devices), cell phones (e.g., mobile/cellular telephones, smartphones (e.g., BlackBerry, iPhone, Android devices, Windows Mobile devices, etc.), telephone paging devices (e.g., beepers or pagers), and/or other web-enabled devices of any type.

The Board is aware that WCDs are used by students and parents/legal guardians to communicate with each other. However, the use of WCDs on school grounds must be appropriately regulated to protect students, staff, and the learning environment. This policy sets forth the District's policy with respect to WCDs.

Pursuant to State law, students shall not operate a motor vehicle owned or leased by the District on or off school property, or personal motor vehicle on District property, while manually typing or entering multiple letters, numbers, symbols, or other characters into a WCD or while sending or reading messages on such a device, for the purpose of non-voice interpersonal communication, including, but not limited to, communication methods known as texting, e-mailing, instant messaging, and snap chatting.

While students may possess WCDs in school, on school property, during after school activities (e.g., extra-curricular activities), and at school-related functions, they either must be powered completely off or placed into vibrate/silent mode) and stored out of sight during school hours.

When authorized and approved by the site principal or site leadership team, students may use WCDs before and after school, during their lunch break, in between classes, during after school activities (e.g., extra-curricular activities), and at school-related functions, as long as they do not create a distraction, disruption, or otherwise interfere with the educational environment. Use of WCDs, except those approved by a teacher or administrator, at any other time is prohibited and WCDs must be either powered completely off (or placed into vibrate or silent mode) and stored out of sight.

Technology including, but not limited to, WCDs, intended and actually used for instructional purposes (e.g., taking notes, recording classroom lectures, writing papers) will be permitted, as approved by the classroom teacher or the principal. However, the use of a WCD to engage in non-education-related communications is expressly prohibited. Students may not use WCDs on school property or at a school-sponsored activity to access and/or view Internet web sites that are otherwise blocked to students at school.

Students may use WCDs while riding to and from school on a school bus or other Board-provided vehicles or on a school bus or Board-provided vehicle during school-sponsored activities, at the discretion of the bus driver, classroom teacher, or sponsor/advisor/coach. Distracting behavior that creates an unsafe environment will not be tolerated.

Also, when directed by the administrator or sponsor, WCDs shall be powered completely off during after school activities (not just placed into vibrate or silent mode), and stored out of sight.

Under certain circumstances, a student may keep his/her WCD "on" with prior approval from the principal or teacher.



Students are personally and solely responsible for the care and security of their WCDs. The Board assumes no responsibility for theft, loss, or damage to, or misuse or unauthorized use of WCDs brought onto its property, or the unauthorized use of such devices.

Parents/Legal guardians are advised that the best way to get in touch with their child during the school day is by calling the school office.

Students may use the school's phone to contact their parents/legal guardians during the school day.

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