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REGULATION REGULATION

STUDENT CONDUCT

The Board believes that students need a safe, positive and productive learning environment free from disruptions, distractions and threats. The Board has determined that personal electronic devices have created a disruption to the learning environment, distracted students from the primary purpose of education and have been used to threaten other students. Accordingly, it is the policy of the Board to forbid the possession, custody and use of personal electronic devices by students on school property during the school day. However, coaches and sponsors in charge of extra-curricular activities or school trips shall have the discretion to approve the possession and use of personal electronic devices during such school activities and school trips.

Definitions

For purposes of this policy, the following definitions shall apply:

- *Personal electronic device* is an electronic device that emits an audible or visual signal, displays a message, or otherwise summons the possessor, including, but not limited to, cellular telephones, paging devices, electronic e-mailing devices, radios, tape players, CD players, DVD players, video cameras, iPods or other MP3 players, laser pointers, portable video game players personal digital assistants (PDA's), cameras, and any device that provides a wireless connection to the Internet other than school assigned laptop computers.

- *School day* means the normal hours of operation of the school.

- *Extra-curricular activity* means any school-sponsored activity, including school-sponsored sports, which is directed and supervised by a school employee, coach or sponsor.

- School trip means any school-sponsored trip on school-owned vehicles for the purpose of transporting students to a school-sponsored activity away from the school site, which is directed and supervised by a school employee, coach or sponsor.

Prohibition

It is the policy of the Board that no student shall bring *personal electronic devices* to a school, nor carry or keep any *personal electronic device* on school property or while attending or participating in any school activity, including during transportation to or from such activity.

Exceptions

Coaches and sponsors of extra-curricular activities shall have the discretion to allow the possession and use *personal electronic devices* while participating in extra-curricular activities or during school-sponsored trips.

This policy does not apply to the sanctioned used of *personal electronic devices* by teachers, or students under the direct supervision of their teacher(s), for educational purposes.

Students who discover they have inadvertently brought a *personal electronic device* to school shall have the option to self-report the incident to the building administrator to have the *personal electronic device* held in the office for the student until the end of the day. A student who inadvertently brings a *personal electronic device* to school and fails to self-report the incident, shall be subject to discipline pursuant to the policy.

Enforcement

Building administrators are authorized and required to enforce this policy. Teachers shall refer students who violate this policy to the appropriate building administrator for enforcement of the policy.

Loss of and Damage to
Personal Electronic Devices

The District shall not be liable or responsible for the loss or damage to any *personal electronic device* at school or at school-sponsored activities.

Penalties for Violations

School employees with student supervisory responsibilities are authorized to confiscate *personal electronic devices*, unless otherwise authorized in accordance with the provisions of paragraph D of this policy.

- *First Offense*: The Personal Electronic Device will be confiscated by teacher. The Personal Electronic Device will be returned to student after school. Teacher will notify parent.

- *Second Offense*: The Personal Electronic Device will be confiscated. The Personal Electronic Device will be returned to the student after school. Administrator will contact guardian.

- *Third Offense*: The Personal Electronic Device will be confiscated and not returned until the end of the day and the student will be placed in In-School Suspension (ISS), parent must pick up device at the end of the day.

- *Subsequent Offenses*: The Personal Electronic Device will be confiscated, and the student will be assigned ISS and is no longer allowed to bring device to school.

Use of Personal Electronic Devices
in Other Incidents of Misconduct

Any student who uses a *personal electronic device* in conjunction with violation of any other student rules will be subject to the discipline for that violation *and* at the discretion of the building administrator, the building administrator may confiscate the *personal electronic device* for up to

five (5) days and returned to the student's parent/guardian at a meeting with the building administrator. For example:

- If a student uses a cell phone to threaten, bully, or sexually harass a student, the culpable student will be subject to punishment under the District's policies on threat, bullying, or sexual harassment, respectively, and the cell phone may be confiscated, at the discretion of the building administrator, for up to five (5) days.

- If a student uses a cell phone to cheat on a test, the culpable student will be subject to punishment under the District's policies for cheating and the cell phone may be confiscated for up to five (5) days at the discretion of the building principal.