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I. Objective

This policy outlines the expectations for the responsible use of personal electronic devices within school settings to reduce interruptions, support academic achievement, and encourage meaningful student engagement. **Policy implementation is effective July 1, 2026.**

II. Terminology

A. Personal Electronic Device: Any privately owned, portable electronic device capable of sending, receiving, or accessing communication, data, or media. This includes, but is not limited to, personal computers, mobile phones, smartwatches, tablets, smart eyewear, e-readers, headphones, and other devices with features such as wireless connectivity, internet browsing, messaging, video capture, gaming, social networking, or data transmission.

B. Access: The act of viewing, wearing, or operating a personal electronic device for communication, digital media, internet use, gaming, recording, audio playback, or any similar function.

C. School Day: The timeframe beginning with the start of academic instruction at the period beginning with the first bell and ending with the final bell signaling the conclusion of the school day, encompassing all instructional times, recess, lunch, transitions, assemblies, and other non-academic activities.

D. Instructional Time: The duration during which K-12 students participate in teacher-led instruction or curriculum-based learning activities. This includes classroom teaching, guided exercises, discussions, independent assignments, and assessments, but generally excludes non-instructional time, such as recess, lunch, and other non-instructional segments.

III. General Provisions

A. Students in grades K-8 are prohibited from using personal electronic devices during the school day, unless permitted by applicable law. These restrictions do not apply before or after the school day.

B. Students in grades 9-12 are prohibited from using personal electronic devices during instructional time, unless permitted by applicable law. These restrictions do not apply to non-instructional time nor do they apply before or after the school day.

C. Schools will establish appropriate methods for storing students' personal electronic devices. Students must secure their personal electronic devices at the beginning of the school day in grades K-8 and during all instructional times in grades 9-12. Student devices may be stored securely by the student among their personal items, or in school-provided lockers, pouches, or other designated storage areas.

D. Students are discouraged from using personal electronic devices while on the school bus. Misuse may lead to disciplinary measures in accordance with Board Policy JCD - Student Conduct Behavior Code.

E. Schools will implement clear communication guidelines requiring parents and/or guardians to contact the school directly if they need to reach their child during the school day. Schools will communicate these guidelines to the parents and/or guardians of their students.

F. Schools will develop and communicate specific procedures annually for handling personal electronic devices during school-related events that occur off school grounds, including but not limited to field trips, sports, fine-arts events, after-school learning, and extracurricular programs.

G. A student whose Individualized Education Program (IEP), Section 504 Plan, or medical plan explicitly mandates the use of a personal electronic device for medical or educational purposes shall be permitted to access the device as necessary to fulfill the requirements of the respective program or plan.

H. The district or individual schools within the district shall not assume any responsibility or liability for the theft, loss, or damage to a personal electronic device.

IV. Appropriate and Authorized Use

All individuals accessing the district's network on their personal devices must comply with Board Policy IFBG: Responsible Use of Technology and Electronic Media.

V. Violations and Improper Use

Students must comply with school expectations and the provisions of this policy; violations of it may lead to progressive disciplinary consequences in accordance with Board Policy JCD - Student Conduct Behavior Code. These measures may include, but are not limited to, verbal/written reprimands, notification of parents and/or guardians, confiscation of personal electronic devices, and other appropriate disciplinary actions.

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