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PROPOSED REVISIONS

Note:

For searches of personal telecommunications devices or other personal electronic devices, see FNF.

Personal Use

Telecommunications Devices Except as permitted by this policy, the District prohibits students from using any personal telecommunications device that emits an audible signal, vibrates, displays a message, or otherwise summons or delivers a communication to the possessor, including but not limited to paging devices, cell phones, mobile phones, tablets, laptops, and other telecommunications devices, while participating in school-sponsored or school-related activities on or off school property during the instructional day (including lunchtime on campus) and while instruction is being conducted, except as permitted by campus teachers and/or librarians.

Penalties for Non-Compliance A student who violates this policy shall be subject to established disciplinary measures in the Student Code of Conduct. An authorized District employee may confiscate any personal telecommunications device in use by students while participating in school-sponsored or school-related activities on or off school property during the instructional day (including lunchtime on campus) and while instruction is being conducted.

AN AUTHORIZED DISTRICT EMPLOYEE MAY CONFISCATE A PERSONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE, INCLUDING A MOBILE TELEPHONE, USED IN VIOLATION OF APPLICABLE CAMPUS RULES.

A confiscated personal telecommunications device shall be released for a fee. In accordance with the student handbook, the student or the student's parents may retrieve the device after paying the fee, as prescribed in the Texas Education Code Section 37.082.

If a personal telecommunications device is not retrieved, the District shall dispose of the device after providing notice required by law. The District disclaims liability for confiscated telecommunications devices that are later lost or stolen.

Other Electronic Devices

Guidelines regarding other personal electronic devices shall be addressed in the student handbook and/or Student Code of Conduct.

Exceptions

Teachers and librarians shall make exceptions to this policy as needed for instructional purposes. The decision to grant an exception shall be based on a teacher's or librarian's determination that

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instructional activity can be enhanced by a personal electronic device. If the teacher or librarian grants an exception, the teacher or librarian may impose such conditions on the student's use of the device as the teacher or librarian deems reasonable under the circumstances.

Instructional Use

A student shall obtain prior approval from the teacher or librarian before using personal telecommunications or other personal electronic devices for on-campus instructional purposes. The student shall also acknowledge receipt and understanding of applicable regulations AND SHALL SIGN THE APPROPRIATE USER AGREEMENTS within the student handbook. [SEE CQ].