

### **7.1 PERSONAL STUDENT ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Personal Electronic Devices, when approved by a teacher or a member of administration, are allowed in school to enhance learning opportunities and not for student entertainment.

- The Electronic Acceptable Use Policy must be signed yearly for each student.
- Devices must be put away except during times authorized by the teacher.
- Devices and their content are the sole responsibility of the student and their parents. The school is not responsible for content, loss or damage.
- No phone calls, texting, or emails are allowed during class, unless approved by teacher or administration.
- Electronic communication devices and cameras may not be possessed, activated or utilized in school situations where a reasonable expectation of personal privacy exists. These locations include but are not limited to locker rooms, shower rooms, restrooms and any other areas where students or others may change clothes or be in any stage or degree of disrobing or changing clothes.
- At no time may an electronic communication device be used by any student in a manner that might reasonably create in the mind of another person an impression of being threatened, humiliated, harassed or embarrassed or intimidated.
- No devices are allowed to access the internet outside of the school's filtered network or to broadcast access to other devices.
- All rules as outlined in policy ELECTRONIC INFORMATION RESOURCES must be followed.

Unauthorized electronic devices, or if authorized devices are misused, may be held by the teacher or administration until the close of the school day or until the teacher or administrator makes arrangements with the parent/guardian to retrieve them. After three violations, or in cases of gross misuse as determined by school administration, the student's electronic devices privilege will be revoked. The privilege of bringing electronic devices can only be reinstated through petitioning the Administration. This is a pilot program, and can be revoked at any time if the privilege is abused.

The use of electronic devices should not interfere with the learning, safety, and security of other students. Cell phones and other personal electronics are permitted before and after school and during lunch. They should be powered off and out of site during class time unless teacher requests students use their own devices as part of the class lesson. **Parents should not text/call students on their cell phones during class time.** Those in violation of this policy will have their electronics confiscated and held in the office for a parent to pick up after school. Teachers may allow note taking devices, e-readers, calculators and other personal electronic devices as part of an approved lesson plan (as long as they are not distracting the owner or others in the class), approved on a case-by-case basis.

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