Series 5000: Students, Curriculum, and Academic Matters

5200 Student Conduct and Discipline

5209 Student Use of Wireless Communications Devices

Students may not use Wireless Communications Devices on school grounds during instructional time, except as otherwise provided in this Policy.

"Wireless Communications Device" is an electronic device capable of, but not limited to, text messaging, voice communication, entertainment, navigation, accessing the internet, sending and receiving photos and videos, or producing email.

"Instructional time" is defined as the start of the school day when instruction begins until dismissal at the end of the school day excluding lunch and passing time.

"School grounds" means a building, playing field, or property used for school purposes to impart instruction to children or used for functions and events sponsored by a school. School grounds does not include a building used primarily for adult education or college extension courses.

Students may use Wireless Communications Devices on school grounds during school hours, including during instructional time, if the Wireless Communications Device is:

- medically necessary for a student to monitor a health issue;
- required by a student's Section 504 Plan or IEP;
- a District-owned device;
- designated by the District to be used for instructional purposes;
- permitted by a classroom teacher for lesson-specific academic assignments; or
- used during an emergency situation in accordance with the District's emergency operations plan under Policy 3402, so long as it does not interfere with school emergency protocols or first responders or endanger students or staff.

Students are personally and solely responsible for the security of their Wireless Communications Devices. The District is not responsible for theft, loss, or damage of any Wireless Communications Device.

Students may not use Wireless Communications Devices while they are in locker rooms, restrooms, or any other area in which others may have a reasonable expectation of privacy unless medically necessary or required by the student's Section 504 Plan or IEP.

Taking, disseminating, transferring, or sharing obscene, pornographic, lewd, or otherwise illegal photographs, video, audio, or other similar data, whether by electronic data transfer or otherwise (including via cell phone or other electronic device), may

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constitute a crime under state or federal law. A student engaged in any of these activities at school, at a school event, or on school-provided transportation, may be subject to discipline pursuant to this Policy and the student code of conduct. A student engaged in any of these activities outside of school may be disciplined if the student's activities substantially disrupt the school environment.

The Superintendent, building principals, and teachers are authorized to develop building-level and classroom rules for students' use of Wireless Communications Devices. Those rules must be clearly communicated to students. A student who violates the rules or this Policy is subject to corrective or disciplinary action, consistent with Policy and the student code of conduct.

School administrators and teachers may confiscate a student's Wireless Communications Device if the student's use or possession of the Wireless Communications Device violates this Policy, the student code of conduct, or any applicable building or classroom rule. The building principal or designee may require a meeting with the student's Parent to discuss the rule violation before returning the Wireless Communications Device.

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