

**PROPOSED REVISION OF SCHOOL BOARD POLICY:  
STUDENT USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

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A STUDENT MAY POSSESS ELECTRONIC DEVICES (E.G., CELLULAR TELEPHONES, SMART PHONES, PERSONAL DIGITAL ASSISTANT (PDAS) LAPTOPS, AND OTHER DEVICES DESIGNED TO RECEIVE AND SEND AN ELECTRONIC SIGNAL OR STORE DIGITAL DATA) IN SCHOOL, ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, AT AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND AT SCHOOL-RELATED FUNCTIONS, PROVIDED THAT DURING THE STUDENT DAY THE ELECTRONIC DEVICES REMAIN POWERED OFF AND CONCEALED FROM VIEW. STUDENTS MAY NOT USE ELECTRONIC DEVICES ON SCHOOL PROPERTY OR AT A SCHOOL-SPONSORED ACTIVITY TO ACCESS AND/OR VIEW INTERNET WEB SITES THAT ARE OTHERWISE BLOCKED TO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL. IN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH PERMISSION FROM A SUPERVISING SCHOOL BOARD EMPLOYEE, A STUDENT MAY USE AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE FOR COMMUNICATING.

THE REQUIREMENT THAT ELECTRONIC DEVICES MUST BE TURNED OFF WILL NOT APPLY WHEN USING THE ELECTRONIC DEVICE FOR AN EDUCATIONAL OR INSTRUCTIONAL PURPOSE WITH THE TEACHER'S PERMISSION AND SUPERVISION.

STUDENTS MAY NOT POSSESS ANY ELECTRONIC OR RECORDING DEVICE(S) AT THEIR DESK, CLIPPED TO THEIR BELT, IN THEIR POCKET, OR ANYWHERE WITHIN REACH DURING TESTING, EVEN IF THE DEVICE IS TURNED OFF OR THE STUDENT IS NOT USING IT. IF A STUDENT IS FOUND TO BE IN POSSESSION OF ANY ELECTRONIC DEVICE DURING TESTING, HIS OR HER TEST MUST BE INVALIDATED.

POSSESSION OF AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE BY A STUDENT IS A PRIVILEGE, WHICH MAY BE FORFEITED BY ANY STUDENT WHO FAILS TO ABIDE BY THE TERMS OF THIS POLICY, OR OTHERWISE ENGAGES IN MISUSE OF THIS PRIVILEGE.

VIOLATIONS OF THIS POLICY MAY RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND/OR CONFISCATION OF THE ELECTRONIC DEVICE. IF THE ELECTRONIC DEVICE IS CONFISCATED, IT WILL BE RETURNED TO THE STUDENT'S PARENT/GUARDIAN AS DEFINED BY FLORIDA STATUTE.

THE STUDENT WHO POSSESSES AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS CARE. THE SCHOOL BOARD IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR PREVENTING THEFT, LOSS, DAMAGE, OR VANDALISM TO ELECTRONIC DEVICES BROUGHT ONTO ITS PROPERTY.

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**NOTE: REFER TO THE DISTRICT CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT AND  
INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL STUDENT HANDBOOKS.**