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District High School Cell Phone Policy

Pursuant to State Statute 1006.07(2)(F), all high school students are prohibited from using wireless communication devices during instructional time except when used solely for educational purposes as directed by the teacher or when used as medical alert devices registered with the school clinic. A teacher may confiscate a student's wireless device for violation of these rules.

- Students may use their electronic devices during non-instructional times (before school, after school, during class changes, and lunches).
- During instructional time, cell phones and all other non-school issued electronic devices should be powered off.
- Cell phones and all other non-school issued devices must be placed in a location (backpack, purse, cross-body, or pouch) other than on their person unless otherwise instructed by their teacher.
- Students are not allowed to use headphones, air pods, ear buds, or any similar devices at any time in common areas or hallways. Students can use headphones, air pods, ear buds, or any similar device in class only when directed by a teacher for instructional purposes (SCC pg 5).
- Students who use a cell phone or other wireless communication device to monitor a health condition must have the use of the device documented in an IEP or 504 plan.

If a teacher or staff member sees a student in violation of the state cell phone statute, they should request that the student put the device away and give the student a cell phone infraction warning in the "Cell Phone Warning Tab" in FOCUS. Once a student receives two cell phone warnings, the device will be confiscated and an electronic device referral will be written. If a student refuses to put the device away, the device will be confiscated, turned into the dean's office, and secured. Failure to give a teacher or staff member an electronic device will be handled as follows:

1st Offense:

- The device will be confiscated and secured in the dean's office.
- An Electronic Device Referral will be written.
- The parents will be contacted.
- The device will be returned to the student at the end of the day.

2nd Offense and each subsequent offense:

- The device will be confiscated and secured in the dean's office.
- A referral for insubordination will be written.
- The parents will be contacted and asked to come pick up the device.

Repeated and pervasive violations of this policy may lead to the student's electronic device privileges being revoked.