Regulation 5131.8: Mobile Communication Devices

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Elementary School: Away for the Day

At the beginning of the school day, a student shall:

- 1. Turn off their mobile communication devices (e.g., smartphones).
- 2. Secure and stow away their mobile communication devices and any accessories (e.g., earbuds, headphones) in a personal carry bag or container that has been assigned to the student for the duration of the school day.

At the end of the school day, the student may:

1. Retrieve their mobile communication devices and any accessories from their personal carry bag or container.

Middle School: Away for the Day

At the beginning of a student's school day, the student shall:

- 1. Turn off their mobile communication devices (e.g., smartphones).
- 2. Depending on the storage method determined for that school and/or students, the student shall:
 - a. If assigned a personal secure storage bag or container, the student shall secure and stow away their devices and any accessories that connect to it (e.g., earbuds, headphones) in their assigned storage bag or container.

The student shall maintain possession of their assigned bag or container for the duration of their school day.

b. If provided a storage bag or container by the classroom teacher, the student shall secure and stow away their devices and any accessories that connect to it (e.g., earbuds, headphones) in their assigned storage bag or container.

The student shall place their assigned bag or container in a location within the classroom designated by the teacher for the duration of that class period.

The student shall repeat this process at the beginning of each class where classroom storage is provided.

At the end of a student's school day, the student may:

- 1. Depending on the storage method determined for that school and/or students, the student may:
 - a. If assigned a personal secure storage bag or container, the student may unlock their assigned storage bag or container using an unlocking station on campus or other designated method determined by the Principal or designee.

The student may remove their devices and any other accessories from their assigned storage bag or container and maintain possession of their assigned storage bag or container for use throughout the school year.

b. If provided a storage bag or container by the classroom teacher, the student shall retrieve their assigned storage bag or container from the location within the classroom determined by the teacher. The teacher shall unlock the storage bag or container using an unlocking method determined by the Principal or designee.

The student shall remove their devices and any accessories from their storage bag or container.

The student shall repeat this process at the beginning of each class where classroom storage is provided.

Progressive Discipline: Grades K-8

Mobile communication devices must be secured and stowed away for the entirety of the school day.

1. First Offense

- a. The student's mobile communication device will be confiscated, and the parent/guardian shall be required to retrieve the device from the appropriate staff member.
- b. The student may use the school phone to inform their parent/guardian that their parent/guardian is required to retrieve the student's mobile communication device.
- c. The classroom teacher, or designee as determined by the Principal, shall log the student's first office of this policy in the school's student information system.

2. Second Offense

In addition to items "a" through "c" listed above, the student shall be required each school day to stow and secure their mobile communication device in a location on campus determined by the Principal or designee (e.g., support services, main office).

3. Third Offense

In addition to items "a" through "c" listed above, the student shall stow and secure their mobile communication device in a provided storage bag/container and leave it in a location designated by site administration. Alternatively, the student may be barred from bringing the mobile communication device to school for a set amount of time as determined by site administration.

Supporting Documents



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