R 5516 STUDENT USE OF INTERNET-ENABLED DEVICES

The following age-appropriate and grade level differentiated provisions shall govern student use of internet-enabled devices on school grounds during the school day.

A. Kindergarten through Grade Eight

1. Students in Kindergarten through grade eight are prohibited from using an internet-enabled device on school grounds during the school day.

2. Students in Kindergarten through grade eight shall store their internet-enabled device using the following storage options for internet-enabled devices during the school day. It is the student's responsibility to turn off the internet-enabled device and have the internet-enabled device password protected to prevent any unauthorized use of the device.

   a. A student storage system – Each student who brings an internet-enabled device to school is expected to turn off their internet-enabled device and store it in their backpack, locker, or other bag throughout the entire school day.

3. Students in Kindergarten through grade eight shall be permitted to use their internet-enabled device on a school bus on their way to school or on their way home from school at the end of the school day.

4. Students in Kindergarten through grade eight shall be permitted to use their internet-enabled device on school grounds before the start of the regular school day and on school grounds after the regular school day.

5. Students in Kindergarten through grade eight are prohibited from using their internet-enabled device during school-sponsored events off school grounds during the school day while under the direct supervision of a school staff member or employee of the Board (e.g. field trip).

6. Students in Kindergarten through grade eight are prohibited from using their internet-enabled device during school-sponsored events taking place outside of the school day when students are under the direct supervision of a school staff member or employee of the Board (e.g., afterschool club meeting, sport team practice/game, etc.). The supervising school staff member or employee of the Board may establish the storage method to be used for a student's internet-

enabled device during school-sponsored events taking place outside of the school day when students are under the direct supervision of a school staff member or employee of the Board.

a. If the supervising school staff member establishes a storage method, it is the student's responsibility to turn off the internet-enabled device and have the internet-enabled device password protected to prevent any unauthorized use of the internet-enabled device.

7. Students in Kindergarten through grade eight are prohibited from using non-internet-enabled devices.

8. Discipline

a. School staff members shall apply clear, age-appropriate consequences and use strategies to redirect students who use internet-enabled devices in violation of this Regulation and Policy 5516.

(1) First Offense in a School Year

(a) The internet-enabled device shall be taken from the student by a school staff member or employee of the Board and turned in to the Principal or designee's office for the remainder of the school day.

(b) It is the student's responsibility to turn off the internet-enabled device and have the internet-enabled device password protected to prevent any unauthorized use of the internet-enabled device before turning the internet-enabled device in to the school staff member or employee of the Board.

(c) The student will be permitted to pick up the internet-enabled device in the Principal or designee's office at the end of the school day.

(d) The student will have the internet-enabled device returned upon signing an acknowledgment of their first offense in a school year in violation of this Regulation and Policy 5516.



(e) The following discipline will be imposed on a student for a first offense in a school year in violation of the provisions in this Regulation and Policy 5516:

- Warning

(2) Second Offense in a School Year

(a) The internet-enabled device shall be taken from the student by the school staff member or employee of the Board and turned in to the Principal or designee's office for the remainder of the school day.

(b) It is the student's responsibility to turn off the internet-enabled device and have the internet-enabled device password protected to prevent any unauthorized use of the internet-enabled device before turning the internet-enabled device in to the school staff member or employee of the Board.

(c) The internet-enabled device must be picked up at the Principal or designee's office by a parent at the end of the school day.

(d) If the parent cannot pick up the internet-enabled device by the end of the school day, the parent may pick up the internet-enabled device before the end of the next or any subsequent school day.

(e) The parent shall be required to sign for receipt of the internet-enabled device with notice provided of a second offense in a school year for their child.

(f) The following discipline will be imposed on a student for a second offense in a school year in violation of the provisions in this Regulation and Policy 5516:

- Referral



(3) Third Offense in a School Year

(a) The internet-enabled device shall be taken from the student by the school staff member or employee of the Board and turned in to the Principal or designee's office for the remainder of the school day.

(b) It is the student's responsibility to turn off the internet-enabled device and have the internet-enabled device password protected to prevent any unauthorized use of the internet-enabled device before turning the internet-enabled device in to the school staff member or employee of the Board.

(c) The internet-enabled device must be picked up at the Principal or designee's office by a parent at the end of the school day.

(d) If the parent cannot pick up the internet-enabled device by the end of the school day, the parent may pick up the internet-enabled device before the end of the next or any subsequent school day.

(e) The parent shall be required to sign for receipt of the internet-enabled device with notice provided of a third offense in a school year for their child.

(f) The following discipline will be imposed on a student for a third offense in a school year in violation of the provisions in this Regulation and Policy 5516:

- Referral
- After-school detention

(4) Fourth Offense in a School Year

(a) The internet-enabled device shall be taken from the student by the school staff member or employee of the Board and turned in to the Principal or designee's office for the remainder of the school day.

(b) It is the student's responsibility to turn off the internet-enabled device and have the internet-enabled device password protected to prevent any unauthorized use of the internet-enabled device before turning the internet-enabled device in to the school staff member or employee of the Board.

(c) The internet-enabled device must be picked up at the Principal or designee's office by a parent at the end of the school day.

(d) If the parent cannot pick up the internet-enabled device by the end of the school day, the parent may pick up the internet-enabled device before the end of the next or any subsequent school day.

(e) The parent shall be required to sign for receipt of the internet-enabled device with notice provided of a fourth offense in a school year for their child.

(f) The following discipline will be imposed on a student for a fourth offense in a school year in violation of the provisions in this Regulation and Policy 5516:

- Referral; and
- In-school suspension (ISS) (1 day)

(5) A student who violates the provisions of this Regulation and Policy 5516 more than four times during a school year shall, for the remainder of the school year, be prohibited from bringing an internet-enabled device on school grounds during the school day, on a school bus before and after school, or while participating in school-sponsored programs which include, but are not limited to: during before and after school programs; during co-curricular activities; during extra-curricular activities, and during intramurals and interscholastic games and practices.



(a) The following discipline will be imposed on a student for bringing their internet-enabled device to school after being prohibited to have their internet-enabled device on school grounds:

- Referral
- In-school suspension (2 days) or
- Out-of-school suspension (1 day)

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