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ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Extra-educational electronic devices brought to school from home by students, including but not limited to: cell phones, beepers, video or tape recorders, cameras, MP-3 players, hand-held video-game systems, CD and/or DVD players, portable radios or televisions, are not to be turned on, used or visible during the school day unless written or verbal permission is granted by an administrator. Electronic devices for educational purposes including but not limited to: smartphones, tablets or laptops may be brought into school but may only be used during instructional time with the express permission of the teacher and building administration, and in accordance with the SPS Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy. In cases of an obvious emergency, the administrator will review any violation of the policy with consideration of the circumstances.

Cell phone calls and text messaging may not take place during the school day. Any of the above-listed extra-educational devices will be confiscated if they are found turned on or in use when administrative or teacher permission has not been granted. The first time an electronic device is confiscated, it will be returned to the student at the end of the day. The second time, or any subsequent time, that an electronic device is confiscated, or another electronic device is confiscated from the same student, parents/guardians will be contacted and may be required to come to school to retrieve the item. If a student uses an electronic device during a test, quiz or other assessment, this will be considered to be cheating. Non-sanctioned use of any electronic device will subject the user to other school discipline policies and the judgment of the building administration.

The administration strongly suggests that all parents/guardians review this policy with their children.

Students may not use their phones or cameras or video cameras to take pictures or videos on the bus or any other school property without the express consent of a teacher or administrator and the person being photographed or videotaped.

It should be noted that the school is not in any way responsible for damaged, lost or stolen property. It is our expectation that students who find items of value, such as electronic devices, return them to the office immediately. Failure to do so will subject a student to the disciplinary consequences associated with being in possession of stolen property.

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