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POLICY-JFC2

PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES

I. Definition

- A. For purposes of this policy, personal communication devices (PCD) include computers, tablets (e.g., iPads and similar devices), electronic readers (“e-readers” - e.g., Kindles and similar devices), handheld game consoles, cell phones (e.g., iPhone, Android devices, Windows Mobile devices, etc.), smart watches, Bluetooth Audio, telephone paging devices, and/or other cellular-enabled devices of any type not owned by Fredericksburg City Public Schools (FCPS).
- B. An instructional setting includes any location where a staff member is providing instruction or instruction-related, administrative, or medical/health-related activities, including, but not limited to: classrooms; libraries; auditoriums; gymnasiums and inside and outside physical education areas; performing arts areas; locker rooms; school administrative offices, nurses’ or other medical or psychological provider’s office or assigned room within the period of the school day; or necessary areas between the institutional settings to include hallways, restrooms, outdoor eating areas, and cafeterias.

II. Purpose

- A. The use of PCDs on school grounds must be appropriately regulated to protect students, staff, and the learning environment. The purpose is to prevent disruption of the learning environment and to maintain order during the school day on school property and off school property during instructional activities.

III. Use of Personal Communication Devices on School Property

- A. Elementary school students may not possess PCDs of any type not owned by FCPS.
- B. Middle and high school students may use PCDs before or after the instructional day. They may not use PCDs inside School Board buildings during the instructional day unless specifically permitted use by school administration. School Administration determines the parameters of the instructional day.
- C. Cellphones must be placed in safety pouches to prevent use.
- D. Students shall have no expectation of privacy with respect to their use of PCDs on school premises and during school-related functions, both on and off campus.
- E. The Superintendent will develop appropriate regulations to ensure compliance with the objectives of this policy. These regulations shall be established in accordance with local, state, and federal

requirements.

IV. Responsibility

- A. Students are personally and solely responsible for the care and security of their PCDs. The School Board and FCPS assume no responsibility for theft, loss, damage to, misuse, or unauthorized use of PCDs brought onto its property or the unauthorized use of such devices.
- B. Violations of this Policy may result in school disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, the temporary confiscation of the PCD. An administrator may also refer the matter to law enforcement or child protective services if the violation involves illegal activity.

[Code of Virginia § 22.1-70.2](#)

[Code of Virginia § 22.1-279.6](#)