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Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media in Schools Plan

In compliance with Board Policy 24 Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media in Schools and Administrative Procedure 145 Use of Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media in Schools, F.P. Walshe School has developed this Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media in Schools Plan to govern the appropriate use of personal mobile devices and social media at our school.

Personal Mobile Device - a personal electronic device that can be used to communicate with or access the internet, such as cellphone, tablet, laptop or smartwatch.

School Use - Specific limited circumstances when personal mobile devices and social media access is approved:

- Students in grades Grade 6-9 may not access a personal mobile device or social media during the school day.
- Students in Grades 10-12 may not access a personal mobile device or social media during instructional time unless given permission by the teacher, after receiving limited access approval from school administration for a specific educational task or purpose.
- Accommodations/exceptions for student use during instructional time/class time may be granted to support, monitor, or regulate an approved identified health and/or medical reason as per the medical plan or to support an approved identified inclusive educational need (accessibility and accommodation)
- During a school-sponsored event or activity with permission of the supervisor.
- At the discretion of the school administration.

Storage - Personal mobile devices are valuable electronic devices. Students and staff bring personal mobile devices to school at their own risk. The security and storage of these items is the sole responsibility of the owner and user. The Division assumes no responsibility for the safety, security, loss, repair or replacement of personal mobile devices.

- At F.P. Walshe School student personal mobile devices will be stored as follows:
 - **Grade 6-9** student devices will be silenced or powered off during the school day and stored in a student locker.
 - **Grade 10-12** student devices will be silenced or powered off during instructional time and stored in a student locker.
 - Employees are asked to leave cellphones in a secure place unless approved by the school administration for a work-related purpose.

Social Media

The Division has restricted access to social media platforms at this time. These are subject to change without notice. Limited student access to social media may be permitted, as determined by school administration.

Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media Infractions & Parent Notification

Students and staff bring personal mobile devices to school/work at their own risk. The security and storage of these items is the sole responsibility of the owner and user. The Division assumes no responsibility for the safety, security, loss, repair or replacement of personal mobile devices notwithstanding confiscation of the device for the purpose of discipline.

Failure to adhere to the personal mobile device expectations will result in the following consequences:

1st Offense - the personal mobile device will be confiscated and delivered to the office. The student will be permitted to collect their personal mobile device at the end of the school day. This offense will be recorded in PublicSchool Works.

2nd Offense - the personal mobile device will be confiscated and will be delivered to the office. The student will be permitted to collect their personal mobile device at the end of the school day. Parent or guardian will be contacted by the office. This offense will be recorded in PublicSchool Works.

3rd Offense - the personal mobile device will be confiscated and will remain in the office until a parent or guardian is available to collect the personal mobile device. Parent or guardian will be contacted by the office. This offense will be recorded in PublicSchool Works.

4th Offense - the personal mobile device will be confiscated and will remain in the office until a parent or guardian is available to collect the personal mobile device. Parent or guardian will be contacted by the office. Parent or guardian will meet with school administration to create a personal plan to assist the student in developing more responsible use. This offense will be recorded in PublicSchool Works.

Stakeholder Roles and Responsibilities

Students, parents, and staff will comply with the roles and responsibilities as outlined in this plan, LRSD Administrative Procedure and Board Policy.

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