

## **Technology F-265-S**

### **Policy on Student Display or Use of Electronic Personal Communications Devices**

For purposes of this policy, an "electronic personal communications device" means a portable device used to initiate, receive, store, or view communication, information, images, or data electronically.

This includes, but is not limited to, mobile phones, personal tablets, smartwatches, personal laptops, handheld gaming devices, meta/AI glasses, and earbuds/headphones connected to these devices.

#### **Prohibited Display or Use**

Students are prohibited from displaying or using electronic personal communications devices from the beginning of the school day until the end of the school day.

These devices are also banned in all restrooms as well as in dressing areas during extracurricular activities.

Due to the tendency of these devices to be of high value, it is encouraged to keep them at home or locked securely during the school day. Brunswick R-II, the building administrators, the classroom teachers, and other staff members are not liable for any device stolen or damaged on campus.

#### **Disciplinary Procedures**

Violation of this policy will result in the following consequences:

- Any student that refuses to give an electronic device to a teacher or a building administrator is subject to a suspension for insubordination.
- Please note that if a student is in possession of inappropriate or lewd pictures or texts on their electronic device(s), the district will discipline according to the Student Handbook and notify the proper authorities as deemed necessary.
- Emergency phone calls can always be made in the main office; so cell phones are not needed during school hours. If parents must contact their child, they should call the school office.

1st offense— The electronic personal communications device will be confiscated and given to the building administrator. The device will be returned to the student at the end of the school day.

2nd offense—The electronic personal communications device will be confiscated and given to the building administrator. The device will be returned to the student at the end of the school day. The student will also serve (1) one after school detention/8th hour.

3rd offense—The electronic personal communications device will be confiscated and given to the building administrator. The device will be returned to the student at the end of the school day. The student will also serve (1) day of ISS.

Subsequent offenses—The electronic personal communications device will be confiscated and given to the building administrator. For the remainder of the semester, the student will be required to check-in their device to the school office at the beginning of each school day and the device will be returned to the student at the end of each school day. The student will also serve any other disciplinary measures deemed necessary by the building administrator.

### **Exceptions**

Display or use of an electronic personal communications device shall be permitted if required under:

- An Individualized Education Program (IEP)
- A Section 504 Plan
- An Individualized Emergency Health Care Plan or Individualized Health Care Plan (under §167.625 RSMo)
- The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as amended
- The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended
- The Civil Rights Act of 1964
- The Equal Educational Opportunities Act of 1974 for English language learners

Use of electronic devices are also allowed under the following conditions:

- In case of an emergency, a serious, unexpected, and dangerous situation that requires immediate action. This includes but not limited to the following: an active fire, active tornado or earthquake, active shooter, evacuation of school grounds, a medical emergency, or any other serious, unexpected, and dangerous situation that requires immediate action.
- For educational purposes, when explicitly authorized by a teacher or school official pursuant to this policy.