CHAPTER 5.00 – STUDENTS

STUDENT USE OF CELLULAR TELEPHONES AND OTHER COMMUNICATION DEVICES 5.25*+OPTION 2

- I. Personal telephones and other wireless communication devices may be brought to school with the following conditions applying:
 - A. Elementary and middle school students may not use a wireless communications device during the school day.
 - B. High school students may not use a wireless communication device during instructional time, except when expressly directed by a teacher solely for educational purposes. The student code of conduct will designate the locations within the school buildings where a high school student may use his or her wireless communications device with the express permission of a school administrator.
 - C. Devices must be turned off during school hours.
 - D. If emergency calls to or from students are necessary they should be placed through the school office and not to or from the student's telephone.
 - E. Devices should be kept secure to prevent theft (*e.g.*, vehicles, purses, backpacks, lockers).
 - F. A student will be allowed to use a wireless communication device during the school day in accordance with:
 - i The student's individualized education plan;
 - ii The student's 504 accommodation plan issued under s. 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; or
 - iii A doctor's note from a physician licensed under Chapter 458 or Chapter 459 certifying in writing that the student requires the use of a wireless communications device based upon valid clinical reasoning or evidence.

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- II. Violation of these provisions shall result in the confiscation of the personal telephone or other communication devices and its return only to the parent, as defined by Florida Statutes. If the student is of majority age, then he/she may be prohibited from possessing a phone or other communication devices on campus.
- III. The use of personal telephones or other communication devices at school events shall not be limited by this policy; however, the principal shall have full authority to promulgate rules that implement all provisions herein.

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