

## Model Policy Language – PCSD Version

### Section 3 – Charter School Sponsorship

#### **M. MODEL STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY PROHIBITED PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY**

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Pursuant to Proviso 1.103, the District is required to pass this policy in order to receive state funds allocated for State Aid to Classrooms. It is the intent of the Board that Schools shall maintain the maximum autonomy allowed by the law in the enactment and implementation of this policy.

#### **I. Definitions:**

- A. “Personal electronic device,” hereinafter referred to as “device,” means any device utilized to access the internet, wi-fi, cellular telephone signals, or to capture images or video. This includes, but is not limited to, cell phones, smart watches, tablets, and gaming devices.
- B. “Personal Electronic Device accessories,” hereinafter referred to as “device accessories,” include any wired or wireless accessory or wearable technology that connects to a device and any other accessory commonly used in conjunction with a personal electronic device.
- C. “School day” is defined as the period of time that a student is present on the School campus from their arrival (*i.e.*, tardy bell) until afternoon dismissal at the end of the instructional day. This policy may also apply to school buses, field trips, and athletic events. The applicability of this policy to these activities will be determined by the School.
- D. “Access” is defined as viewing, holding, wearing, or otherwise using a device for the purpose of communication, internet access, gaming, recording, or any other function commonly associated with devices. During the school day, devices should be powered off and stored as directed by the School. Exceptions granted by the School for medical necessity, authorized for classroom use, or other authorized reasons should be in writing and are not considered violations of this definition.
- E. “Authorized for Classroom Use” is defined as the use of a personal electronic device that is explicitly approved by the School Board or the

School Leader in writing. The approval must include alignment with a standards-aligned educational objective that cannot be reasonably achieved using school-owned devices. Students must be provided with clear instructions on the appropriate use of devices and ensure that their use aligns with the approved educational objectives. The School Board or the School Leader may revoke approval at any time if it is determined that their use does not meet the intended educational objectives or is causing disruptions.

## **II. Policy Implementation and Enforcement**

- A. During the school day, students are prohibited from accessing their personal electronic devices, unless authorized for classroom use or another exception under this policy applies. Students may not wear or access device accessories during the school day. Students must store their devices and device accessories in lockers, backpacks, or otherwise as directed by the School during the school day. Schools may forbid student possession of devices and device accessories on school property.
- B. If explicitly required by a student's IEP, Medical Plan, or 504 plan, the student shall be allowed to access their personal electronic device for medically or educationally necessary purposes described and required for administration of the IEP, Medical Plan or 504 plan.
- C. A student who is a member of a volunteer firefighting organization or emergency organization may be authorized to carry a device with written permission from the School Board or School Leader.
- D. If a student violates the preceding rules during the school day, the student will be subject to progressive consequences in the student code of conduct and disciplinary enforcement procedures.