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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES APG #SS15

Personal Electronic Devices (PED's) - Students

PREAMBLE

As part of the Board's strategic commitments we recognize that we are called to live a culture of learning for all. This culture of learning requires each stakeholder within the Board to encourage and support students in their pursuits of excellence. While the Board recognizes that PEDs are a valuable communication device, it must also ensure the appropriate delivery education and the right to access education in a non-disruptive manner for all.

In the spirit of creating a positive Catholic climate for all our school communities, with the aim of improving student achievement, increasing school safety, and protecting individual privacy, the Board will regulate the use of Personal Electronic Devices (PEDs).

The purpose of this Administrative Procedure and Guideline is to manage and provide guidelines for the appropriate use of PEDs.

The Board requires all schools to include in their student/parent handbooks the Board PED APG.

DEFINITIONS

Personal Electronic Devices (PEDs) are wireless and/or portable electronic handheld equipment that include, but are not limited to, existing and emerging Mobile Communication Systems and Smart Technologies (cell phones, smart phones, walkie talkies, pagers, etc.), Portable Internet Devices (mobile managers, mobile messengers, Blackberry handsets, etc.), PDAs (Palm organizers, pocket PCs, etc.), handheld entertainment systems (video games, CD players, compact DVD players, MP players, iPods, Walkmen, etc.) digital or film cameras, digital or analogue audio recorders or video recorders (tape recorders, camcorders, etc.) and any other convergent communication technologies that do any number of the previously mentioned functions.

SCOPE OF THE APG

This APG covers all student use of PEDs.

This APG does not apply to the authorized use of photographic/video and audio recording of school events including but not limited to sports, athletic, graduation, theatrical productions or other similar events as determined and approved by the Board or the school Principal.

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GUIDELINES

Student Use

- 1.1 The school Principal, in conjunction with the support of all school staff, is responsible to ensure the implementation and management of this APG at the school level.
- 1.2 PEDs may not be used or be visible in the school, unless otherwise authorized by the Principal.
- 1.3 Students will ensure that PEDs are powered off during class time and kept out of sight during the school day, unless otherwise authorized by the Principal.
- 1.4 In the event that an emergency is occurring, the Principal will provide instruction to the school community pertaining to the acceptable use of PEDs for the specific emergency only.
- 1.5 PEDs are prohibited during tests and exams and will not be permitted in test or exam rooms.
- 1.6 The use of PEDs in a manner that facilitates crime under the federal, provincial and/or municipal statutes are strictly prohibited and shall be subject to discipline and/or the reporting of any such incidents to the police services.
- 1.7 If a student violates this APG, the PED shall be confiscated and returned to the parent/guardian (or student 18 years or older) after the instructional day or as appropriate. Depending on the circumstances, further disciplinary action may be warranted.

2.0 References and Related Administrative Procedures and Guidelines (APGs):

Review paper written by T. J. Pulgliese
Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board Policy 7011 -A
Policy #BR80 Progressive Discipline and Promoting Positive Student Behaviour
APG #HR31 - Personal Electronic Devices - Employee Use

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