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SUBJECT: STUDENT USE OF INTERNET-ENABLED DEVICES DURING SCHOOL DAY

This policy, adopted by the Naples Central School District Board of Education, establishes a District-wide prohibition on student use of personal internet-enabled devices during the school day, in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

"Internet-Enabled Devices" shall mean any device capable of connecting to the internet and enabling the user to access content on the internet, including but not limited to social media applications. Such devices shall include, but not be limited to smart phones, tablets, smartwatches, laptops, and other portable electronic communication or computing devices. Internet-enabled devices supplied by the School District that are used for an educational purpose are not included in this definition.

"School Day" shall mean the entirety of every instructional day, including during instructional and non-instructional time, including but not limited to homeroom periods, lunch, recess, study hall and passing time. This school day definition does not include any afterschool/activity periods.

"School Grounds" shall mean in or on or within any building, structure, athletic playing field, playground, or land contained within the real property boundary line of the District. Per New York State Law, students are prohibited from using internet-enabled devices on school grounds during the school day, except as expressly permitted under the exceptions outlined in this policy.

Mode of Parent Contact

Should parents need to contact their child during the school day, they may do so by calling the main office of their child's school. Contact numbers are as follows:

Naples Elementary School: 374-7952

Naples High School: 374-7906

Students in grades 7-12 may also contact parents (and vice-versa) via email. NCS provides school devices (permitted by law) with email capability.

Classroom phones may also be utilized for essential communications though students must receive direct permission from their teacher for each instance of use.

Parents of students who attend alternative programming outside of the Naples School district should contact the office of their particular program should they need a message relayed or utilize email.

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Messaging will be relayed to the student either directly or through the child's teacher as soon as reasonably possible based on the circumstances. While email to school staff can also be used to communicate information, a direct telephone call ensures the most expedited response. Written notification detailing how parents or persons in parental relation to a student may contact students during the school day shall be provided to parents or persons in parental relation to a student at the beginning of each school year and upon enrollment.

Management and Enforcement Procedures

Each school building will develop procedures which align to this policy and the district code of conduct regarding the prohibition of internet-enabled devices. These procedures will be shared with students and families at the beginning of each school year.

The district will provide one or more methods for on-site storage during the school day, which will include, but not be limited to, student lockers. The NCS Code of Conduct and Student Handbooks will further define expectations regarding internet-enabled devices.

Students who violate this policy may be subject to disciplinary penalties pursuant to the District's Code of Conduct and subject to applicable law and regulations. Progressive discipline or restorative practices may be used in cases of repeated violations, consistent with the Code.

Exemptions

Student use of an internet-enabled device during the school day on school grounds may be authorized in the following limited circumstances by the appropriate school official:

- a. Educational Use: If authorized by a teacher, principal, or the District for a specific educational purpose.
- b. Health & Safety: Where necessary for managing a student's healthcare, or in the event of an emergency.
- c. Language Needs: When needed by a student for translation services.
- d. Student Caregivers: On a case-by-case basis for a student caregiver who is routinely responsible for the care and wellbeing of a family member. Such use will be permitted only upon review and determination by a school psychologist, school social worker, or school counselor.

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- a. Legal Requirements: When the use of such devices is required by law.
- b. 504/IEP Plans: Nothing in this policy is intended to prohibit or otherwise limit a student's use of an internet-enabled device where such use is included in the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 Plan.

Accessibility and Language Access

This policy shall be clearly posted and accessible on the District's website. Upon request by a student, parent, or person in parental relation to a student, a translation of this policy into any of the twelve most common non-English languages spoken by limited-English proficient individuals in New York State shall be provided.

Liability

The district shall not be liable for the loss, damage, misuse, or theft of any personal technology brought to school. The district reserves the right to monitor, inspect, and/or confiscate personal technology when administration has reasonable suspicion to believe that a violation of school policy or criminal law has occurred.

Prohibition during State Assessments

All students are prohibited from being in possession of electronic or internet-enabled devices into a classroom or other location where a New York State assessment is being administered. Test proctors, monitors, and school officials shall have the right to collect prohibited electronic or internet-enabled devices prior to the start of the test and hold them (including break periods). Students may face consequences for violation of the school code of conduct regarding internet-enabled devices in school should issues occur during a New York State assessment. Admission to any assessment will be denied should a student refuse to relinquish the prohibited device.

Students with disabilities may use certain devices if the device is specified in the student's IEP or 504 plan or if a student has provided medical documentation that they require the device during testing.

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Permissions

To utilize permitted internet-abled devices, students will be required to review and sign (with parents) the Naples CSD Student Responsible/ Acceptable Use Policy Agreement form. Students and families shall also review the applicable sections of the NCS Code of Conduct and student handbooks. The District reserves the right to restrict student use of district and/or personal technology on school property or at school-sponsored events, at the discretion of administration.

Regulations

The Board authorizes and directs the Superintendent of Schools to establish regulations implementing this policy.

NOTE: Refer also to Policies #7315 -- Student Use of Computerized Information Resources
#7315 A -- Student Terms, Conditions & Application for Internet Access
#7560 -- Dignity for All Students Act
#7552 -- Bullying in the Schools
#8271 -- Internet Safety/Internet Content Filtering Policy

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