

## 534 ACCEPTABLE STUDENT USE OF PERSONALLY OWNED DEVICES (BYOD)

### I. PURPOSE

The School Board adopts this policy in order to maintain a safe and secure environment for students and employees.

### II. DEFINITIONS

A personally owned device shall include all existing and emerging technology devices that can take photographs; record audio or video; input text; upload and download media; and transmit or receive messages or images. Examples of a personally owned device shall include but is not limited to: MP3 players and iPods; iPads, Nooks, Kindle, and other tablet PCs; laptop and netbook computers; personal digital assistants (PDAs), cell phones and smart phones such as BlackBerry, iPhone, or Droid, as well as any device with similar capabilities.

### III. GENERAL STATEMENTS

- A. Educational purposes include classroom activities, career development, and communication with experts, homework, and limited high quality self-discovery activities. Students are expected to act responsibly and thoughtfully when using technology resources. Students bear the burden of responsibility to inquire with school administrators and/or teachers when they are unsure of the permissibility of a particular use of technology prior to engaging in the use.
- B. Inappropriate communication includes, but is not limited to, the following: obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, inflammatory, threatening, or disrespectful language or images typed, posted, or spoken by students; information that could cause damage to an individual or the school community or create the danger of disruption of the academic environment; personal attacks, including prejudicial or discriminatory attacks; harassment (persistently acting in a manner that distresses or annoys another person) or stalking of others; knowingly or recklessly posting false or defamatory information about a person or organization; and communication that promotes the destruction of property, including the acquisition or creation of weapons or other destructive devices. If a student is told to stop sending communications, that student must cease the activity immediately.
- C. Examples of an unacceptable device in this policy shall include but is not limited to gaming devices or consoles, laser pointers, modems or routers, and televisions.
- D. Personally owned devices are permitted for use during the school day for educational purposes and/or in approved locations only.
- E. GICS shall not be liable for the loss, damage, misuse, theft of any personally owned device brought to School.

- F. GICS reserves the right to monitor, inspect, copy, and review a personally owned device or file when administration has a reasonable suspicion that a violation has occurred.

#### IV. PROHIBITED

- A. Students may not utilize any technology to harass, threaten, demean, humiliate, intimidate, embarrass, or annoy their classmates or others in their community. This is unacceptable student behavior known as cyber bullying and will not be tolerated. Any cyber bullying that is determined to disrupt the safety and/or well-being of the school is subject to disciplinary action. Students must be aware of appropriateness of communications when using district or personally owned devices.
- B. Inappropriate communication is prohibited in any public messages, private messages, and material posted online by students.

#### V. DEVICES

- A. The Board expressly prohibits use of personally owned devices in locker rooms, restrooms, and nurses' offices.
- B. Students are not permitted to use any electronic device to record audio or video media or take pictures of any student or staff member without their permission. The distribution of any unauthorized media may result in discipline including but not limited to suspension, criminal charges, and expulsion.
- C. Personally owned devices used in school are not permitted to connect to the Internet through a 3G, 4G, or other content service providers. Personally owned devices must access the internet via the District's content filtered wireless network.