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STUDENT USE OF PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICES

The Board of Education of Cecil County believes the maintenance of a safe and orderly learning environment is a priority to ensure students' success. Furthermore, the Board acknowledges the enhancements technology brings to our lives, but also recognizes the impact, distraction, and disruption portable electronic devices may have on the instructional process.

A portable electronic device may include, but is not limited to cell phones, pagers, digital cameras, CD players, two-way radios, iPods, MP3 players, etc. Student possession of portable electronic devices on school property and at school-sponsored events on and off campus is a privilege not a right. It is the intent of the Board to ensure possession of portable electronic devices does not disrupt the learning environment, after-school activities, or school safety including the safe transportation of students.

Except as provided by law and regulation, students may not use, display, or have activated portable electronic devices on school property, school buses, school-chartered vehicles, or at any school-sponsored activity before, during, or after the school day without the permission of the school principal or the principal's designee.

The Cecil County Public Schools will not be held responsible for loss, theft, damage, or destruction of any portable electronic devices.

The Superintendent of Schools shall establish regulations governing the use of portable electronic devices and the consequences for misuse thereof.

LEGAL REFERENCE: ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, EDUCATION ARTICLE, SECTION 26-104

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