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USE OF CELL PHONES AND OTHER PORTABLE DEVICES DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Board Policy and Administrative Procedure 5132 on Cell Phones and Other Portable Electronic Devices prohibit a student from using cell phones and other portable electronic devices on school property, including parking lots, school buses and outside or inside all areas of the school building, during school hours and the school day. A student is permitted to use cell phones and personal electronic devices on school property before and after school hours. For students participating in after school and/or extra-curricular activities on school property or while attending school sponsored or related activities, on or off school property, the Principal or Designee shall have the discretion to authorize students' use of cell phones and personal electronic devices.

During school hours and on a school bus, cell phones and portable electronic devices must remain off and the items should be stored out-of-sight in a back-pack, book bag, pocket, purse, vehicle, locker etc. Violations of the Board Policy and Administrative Procedure may result in confiscation of the cell phone or portable electronic device and/or other disciplinary action. The school system is not responsible for theft, loss or damage to cell phones and portable electronic devices brought onto its property. Parents and students are strongly encouraged to familiarize themselves with the requirements of Board Policy and Administrative Procedure 5132 governing students' use of cell phones and other portable electronic devices. The Procedure and Policy are available on the school system's website.

Consequences of Misuse of Cell Phones and Personal Electronic Devices (PEDs):

1. **First Offense:**
 - a. The student's cell phone and/or PED may be confiscated and returned to the student at the end of the day.
 - b. The PGCPS assumes no liability for theft, loss, or damage of cell phones and/or other PEDs possessed by students on school property or held by school officials during the confiscation period.
2. **Second Offense:**
 - a. The student's cell phone and/or PED will be confiscated and only returned to the student's parent or guardian (unless student is emancipated).
 - b. The PGCPS assumes no liability for theft, loss, or damage of cell phones and/or other PEDs possessed by students on school property or held by school officials during the confiscation period.
3. **Third Offense:**
 - a. The student will be prohibited from bringing a cell phone or PED to school for the remainder of the school year.
4. **Repeated Offenses and Noncompliance with Attempted Confiscation:**
 - a. Students committing repeated violations of this procedure shall be subject to additional disciplinary action consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
 - b. Students who refuse to comply with a request to turn over their cell phone and/or PED shall be subject to discipline for insubordination and such other disciplinary action consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.

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