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School Policy – Electronic Device Policy

Background:

Bayside students will not be permitted to bring personal electronic devices to school. Research has shown that these devices (Cellphones, gaming systems, I-Pads, MP3 players, Smart watches, etc.) pose a major form of distraction in a school setting. Although Social Media can have good uses, there are many cases where it is pervasive and unhealthy. There is the potential for violations of safety and privacy. It can also be a means for harassment and bullying.

Many of our students do not get the opportunities to practice interpersonal skills due to the amount of “screen time.” Electronic devices cut into student engagement in all settings of school life. Critical thinking and communication skills can be enhanced without the distraction of electronics.

Devices should be kept at home. Parents can contact their children by calling the main line at the school and students can be paged at breaks to get a message. We will allow office phone use at breaks and lunch hour. Students will be given messages during class only in emergency situations.

Policy Statement:

- Students are not permitted to have personal electronic devices at school.

Specific Actions:

If a student is found using or seen with an electronic device at school, the following procedure will be followed:

- 1) The device will be collected and brought to the office.
- 2) In the office, the device will be logged in and kept in a secure location.
- 3) Parents will be notified that the device has been confiscated. A parent/guardian must come to the school to retrieve the device. They will not be returned to students.
- 4) The office will be open until 4pm each day for parents to retrieve confiscated devices.

If a student is using a personal electronic device more than once, the following procedure will be followed:

1st Occurrence: Parents/Guardians are called and will be responsible for picking up the device at school.

2nd Occurrence: Parents/Guardians will be called. They will be responsible for picking up the device and a meeting will be scheduled with Administration. A Letter of Warning will be sent home and filed in the student's Cumulative Record.

3rd Occurrence: Parents/Guardians will be called and will be responsible for picking up the device. Student will receive a one-day suspension. This will be served as an in-school suspension, if possible.

4th Occurrence: Parents/Guardians will be called and will be responsible for picking up the device. Student will receive a one-day suspension. This will be served as an out of school suspension.