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STUDENT POSSESSION AND USE OF CELLULAR PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES

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It is the intent of the Dale County Board of Education (DCBOE) to permit the use of personal electronic devices during specified times. Students will be allowed to bring their own device to school. It is voluntary for students to bring their own personal electronic mobile devices to school. Students may utilize personal electronic mobile devices in designated areas for educational purposes when deemed appropriate by appropriate school personnel.

(1) For the purposes of this policy a personal electronic mobile device shall include, but not be limited to the following:

A privately owned laptop, tablet computing device, netbook, notebook, e-Reader, iPod touch (or similar), and/or cell/smart phone.

(2) Use of an electronic mobile device during the school day is a privilege. Therefore, all students must:

- (a) Use only the DCBOE specified Wi-Fi network for all network and internet access and refrain from destroying or damaging District data, networks or other resources.
- (b) Use all DCBOE internet filters and posted network security practices.
- (c) Report network security risks or violations of network security to a school administrator.
- (d) Refrain from creating ad hoc, peer-to-peer, or other wireless networks with DCBOE or student owned devices including the use of wireless hotspots or other similar devices.
- (e) Use the DCBOE network for instructional and school related purposes only.
- (f) Follow copyright laws which prohibit the reproduction of content, e-Books, music, games or movies.
- (g) Refrain from accessing, transmitting, copying or creating mobile apps, websites or other materials that contain inappropriate information, content, advertisements or any material that is illegal, not age appropriate or inappropriate for a school environment.
- (h) Comply with School Board Policy, Acceptable Use Policy Governing Internet and Technology Access.

(3) Failure to follow the directives outlined in paragraph 2. above will result in appropriate disciplinary consequences as outlined in the Code of Conduct for Students.

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(4) Students that bring personal mobile electronic devices to school do so at their own risk. The DCBOE accepts no responsibility if a device is lost, stolen, misplaced, damaged or confiscated. The DCBOE accepts no responsibility for viruses, malware or other computer related issues associated with connecting to the DCBOE network. The DCBOE accepts no responsibility for the costs associated with or that may result from the use of data or texting services by a student when using a personal mobile electronic device.

(5) Students are responsible for charging and maintaining their personal mobile electronic device(s) and the DCBOE assumes no responsibility for same. This includes the use of anti-malware software, if applicable, on the personal mobile electronic device.

(6) The superintendent shall be authorized to make temporary changes to this policy should he/she deem any such change necessary to advance the health, welfare, and/or education of the students of DCBOE.

(7) Interpretation of this policy and disciplinary action taken in accordance with this policy shall be in the sole discretion of the school principal or his/her designee. Any disagreement by a parent or student with the implementation of this policy shall be addressed through the DCBOE grievance process.

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