

INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

To: Bibb County Board of Education, Dr. Dan A. Sims, Superintendent

From: Jamie Cassady, Assistant Superintendent for Student Affairs
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Subject: Policy JCDAF-Use of Electronic Devices (**First Reading**)

Summary

The District is presenting Policy JCDA - Use of Electronic Devices for First Reading.

Background

In the 2025 legislative session, the Georgia General Assembly enacted the Distraction Free Education Act (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-324.8) (the “Act”), imposing restrictions on use of personal electronic devices in schools. By prohibiting the use of personal electronic devices during the school day (bell-to-bell) for grades K-8, the law was intended to promote a positive learning environment free from electronic distractions. The District’s current version of Policy JCDAF prohibits use of personal electronic devices during the school day for all K-12 students. Thus, the Policy goes beyond the restrictions in the Act.

However, revisions to Policy JCDAF are required to address additional requirements in the Act, such as clarifying exemptions for students on IEPs, 504 Plans, or with medical needs requiring use of devices. Additionally, the revisions incorporate requirements of the Act related to procedures for storage of devices, communications with students during the school day, and disciplinary consequences.

Next Step

The District will post Policy JCDAF for First Reading on Simbli to receive input from the Board members and stakeholders for 30 days. The policy will be brought to the next board meeting for second reading and final Board adoption and approval.

Superintendent’s Comments and Approval

Superintendent’s Signature	Approved / Not Approved
Dr. Dan A. Sims	Approved