

INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Public Education for Bibb County (“Board”)
Dr. Dan A. Sims, Superintendent

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

Summary

The District is presenting Policy JCDAF - Use of Electronic Devices for Second 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 previous version of Policy JCDAF prohibited the use of personal electronic devices during the school day for all K-12 students. Thus, the Policy went beyond the restrictions in the Act.

However, revisions to Policy JCDAF were 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.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Bibb County Board of Education approves revisions to Policy JCDAF, Use of Electronic Devices.

Superintendent’s Comments and Approval

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