



**4318 Student Use of Personal
Wireless Communication Devices**

Work Session

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Desired Outcome

- Second iteration of dialogue about draft policy language.
 - Emergency situations
 - Confiscation
 - Liability
 - Device status when put away



Emergency Situations

OPTION A

Imminent Physical Danger

“An emergency is a situation involving imminent physical danger that requires immediate communication.”

OPTION B

Staff Empowered to Determine Need

“School staff may, in their discretion, authorize brief use of a wireless communication device if there is a reasonable and legitimate need to communicate with someone outside the school during the instructional day. Students must ask for permission in advance and must honor any specific directions from staff regarding the duration or specific time of day for any such authorized use.”

Confiscation

OPTION A

Guidelines

“In general, a confiscated device should be returned at the end of the class period, school event, or activity [UNLESS] ... improper use is willful, repeated, substantially disruptive, or interferes with ... ability to focus.”

OPTION B

Site-Based

“Each school administration shall specify a written and consistently implemented rule regarding the temporary confiscation of student devices. The rule shall address repeated offenses and specify whether and when a device may be held for pick-up by the parent or guardian.”

Liability

OPTION A

Not Liable

“Students are personally and solely responsible for the security of their personal wireless communication devices. The school system is not responsible for the theft, loss, or damage of such devices.”

OPTION B

Negligence

“Students are personally and solely responsible for the security of their personal wireless communication devices. The school system is not responsible for the theft, loss, or damage of such devices unless they are lost or damaged due to the actionable negligence of school staff while in the staff’s possession.”

Device Status While Put Away

OPTION A

Off and Put Away

Considerations

- Location services off

OPTION B

Silent and Put Away

Considerations

- Dependent devices connected and active
 - Bluetooth headphones, earbuds
 - Smartwatches
 - Smartglasses
- Bluetooth file sharing (ex. AirDrop)
- Notifications (buzzing or vibration)

Next Steps

- Policy Committee - April 29
- Legislative developments

