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**SEC. 1. PURPOSE OF POLICY.**

In an effort to minimize distractions in classroom settings and improve student achievement, student cellular telephone use shall be limited during school hours while the student is on school property.

The purpose of this policy is not to prohibit cellular telephone usage within the School. Cellular telephone usage shall only be limited during school hours pursuant to this policy.

*R.C. 3313.753.*

**SEC 2. STUDENT CELLULAR TELEPHONE USAGE.**

The School shall require students to silence their cellular telephones and place them out of view during instructional time. Cellular telephone usage shall not be permitted during times of instruction.

*R.C. 3313.753.*

**SEC. 3. DISCIPLINE.**

Upon a violation of this policy, a student may be subject to disciplinary action including, but not limited to, a verbal warning, confiscation of the cellular telephone until the end of the school day, or a meeting with a parent or guardian regarding the student's cellular telephone usage.

**SEC. 4. EXCEPTIONS.**

In the case of an emergency or for other necessary purposes, cellular telephones may be used at the discretion of School administration.

Cellular telephones may be used for learning purposes at the discretion of the teaching staff.

Cellular telephones may be used to monitor or address student health concerns.

Cellular telephone usage may be permitted if such usage is necessitated by, permitted by and/or included in a student's individualized education program (IEP) developed under Chapter 3323 of the Revised Code or plan developed under section 504 of the "Rehabilitation Act of 1973."

*R.C. 3313.753.*

**SEC. 5. TRAINING AND UPDATES.**

IDEA shall properly train or ensure training is provided to IDEA officers and employees on the requirements of this policy and any administrative procedures adopted to implement this policy. Additionally, IDEA shall notify IDEA officers and employees of any changes to this policy and related requirements.

**SEC. 6. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES.**

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IDEA shall formally adopt administrative procedures as reasonably necessary to properly administer this policy and to adhere to applicable law and rule. In doing so, IDEA shall not adopt, and are prohibited from adopting, an administrative procedure that conflicts with applicable law or this policy. Accordingly, IDEA shall confer with the Board or legal counsel before deviating from the requirements set forth in this policy. In the event that a deviation from this policy becomes necessary, IDEA shall either recommend an amendment to this policy or the Board's approval of a specific deviation, including the purpose, scope and duration of the requested deviation.

**SEC. 7. DATE ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE.**

As set forth in the pertinent minutes to the meeting of the Board, the Board amended this policy on June 25, 2024, and it became effective on June 25, 2024.

**SEC. 8. RETENTION.**

This policy shall be retained until superseded, expired, or discontinued and for five (5) years thereafter in accordance with state law.

**SEC. 9. CERTIFICATION.**

The Undersigned, being the Secretary of the Corporation, hereby certifies that the foregoing represents a true copy of the Board Policy relating to the Student Cellular Phone Usage policy, as originally adopted by the Board on June 25, 2024, which Policy, is in full force and effect and has not been revoked or

amended.  
Signed by:

  
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Dwight Young

Executive director

6/25/2024  
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