Series 4000: District Employment

4200 Employee Conduct and Ethics

4216 Personal Communications Devices

"Personal communications device" includes employee-owned cell phones, computers, tablets, or any other device that is capable of, but not limited to, text messaging, voice communication, downloading applications, entertainment, navigation, accessing the internet, sending and receiving photos and videos, or producing email. Employee use of personal communications devices during the work day, including school-sponsored activities, and to conduct school-related business, is limited as follows:

A. except in emergencies, an employee's use of a personal communications device shall not interfere with instructional activities or work-related duties. Employees taking an authorized break may use a personal communications device in a manner that does not disrupt the District's operations or violate the confidentiality of students or others;

B. employees shall not use a personal communications device to access inappropriate content or engage in unlawful activities while on duty, on District property, or attending a District-related event;

C. employees must not use a personal communications device to inappropriately communicate with other employees, students, or Parents;

D. employees must ensure that the District's records and files, including confidential student information, are only maintained on District-provided technology and that confidentiality is maintained. District records and files must not be stored on a personal communications device;

E. employees recognize that when a personal communications device accesses the District's network, the employee's use may become subject to the District's Acceptable Use Policy;

F. employees may not use a personal communications device to record communications or images during the work or school day or at a school-sponsored event other than a public performance or sporting event, unless the employee has received permission from the Superintendent or designee. Dissemination of any recording is prohibited unless the Superintendent or designee approves that action in writing; or

G. unauthorized recording of communications or images of students, Parents, co-workers, or non-public meetings is prohibited unless there is an educational purpose to do so, and may result in discipline, including discharge.

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