YPA STUDENT TESTING TECHNOLOGY POLICY

No Technology Use Permitted on State Assessments and Semester Finals
This includes cell phones, smart watches, personal laptops, ipads----all technology except school testing device.

Student violation:
Students in testing rooms that have personal devices seen or turned on will have their devices confiscated and returned at the end of the day or once the testing violation investigation has been concluded. Students in violation will receive 2 days Out-of-School suspension for the violation and a possible test invalidation, dependent upon investigation results.

The following procedures will apply when a state assessment or final exam is being given, which includes but is not limited to: **cell phones, pagers, other personal electronic devices such as smartwatches and smart eyewear,** and school-issued technology that emit an audible signal, vibrate, display a message or otherwise summon or deliver a communication to the possessor during a state assessment or final exam.

The South Carolina EOCEP Testing Administrator Manual (TAM) states that "the district and school must have procedures in place for the collection of these devices prior to the beginning of testing." This is to prevent and minimize testing violations.

High School Students:
During state testing days, including final exams each semester, students are expected to keep all cell phones and personal devices turned off and out of sight. Cell phone use is not permitted during instructional times or testing periods, as per state policy, and these devices must remain off to comply with the state instructional and testing protocols. This policy will apply to all testing sessions and will be standard across all exam rooms.

Students testing should have all personal devices in his/her personal bag, unless it is on their person. If on their person, then they will need to give the device to their teacher prior to testing when the teacher asks for all devices to be placed in a container/bag provided by the staff member. These devices that are given to the teacher will need to be out of reach and/or locked in a cabinet. **Exception**- Students that have a device that has prior approval for a medical need/situation. These students will be in close proximity to the testing administrator and monitor.

When students are done with testing, they must ensure that they have closed out of the state testing program. They will close and power off the chromebooks and will then need to be returned to the laptop cart or placed under their desk. Students that are no longer testing cannot have access to technology.