No Technology Use Permitted on State Assessments

This includes cell phones, smart watches, laptops, ipads, computers----all technology.

The following procedures will apply when a state assessment 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 unauthorized times during the state assessment.

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.

Elementary and Middle School Students: (HS Students may have slightly different requirements) Students will not be able to turn on or use cellphones/devices during state testing. Students' devices should be turned off and out of sight for the entire duration of state testing each day. Devices will be placed in personal belongings and placed in the hallways before testing begins each day. During the reading of testing instructions, teachers will once again ask all students to turn in any remaining cell phones/devices.

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. A monitor will be assigned to a class that has this exception.

When students are done with testing, they must ensure that they have closed out of the state testing program and close Chromebooks. Students that are no longer testing cannot have access to technology until all state testing is complete for the day.

Teachers/Staff:
During all testing times, teachers will not have access to any technology device. The mode of communication will be via hallway monitors. No technology should be seen or on during testing times in any testing location.
Exception-- Staff members that have a device that has been discussed with administration and given prior approval for a medical need/situation. The device should only be used for that purpose. Any other use will be in violation of the policy.

The front desk receptionist will have access to technology.

<u>Student violation:</u>
Student personal devices seen or turned on will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day or once the testing violation investigation has been concluded. If the school determines that a student used a cell phone or personal device during the test, the school will be required to conduct a search of the cell phone or electronic device. Students in violation will receive appropriate consequences, up to suspension and/or expulsion.