

SUBJECT: USE OF INTERNET-ENABLED DEVICES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

The York Central School District prohibits the use of internet-enabled devices by students during the school day anywhere on school grounds.

Definitions

- a) "Internet-enabled devices" shall mean and include any smartphone, tablet, smartwatch, or other device capable of connecting to the internet and enabling the user to access content on the internet, including social media applications; provided, however, that "internet-enabled devices" shall not include:
 - i) non-internet-enabled devices such as cellular phones or other communication devices not capable of connecting to the internet or enabling the user to access content on the internet; or
 - ii) internet-enabled devices supplied by the school district or board of cooperative educational services that are used for an educational purpose.
- b) "School day" is defined as the entirety of the instructional day as required under New York State Education Law, including all periods such as homeroom, lunch, recess, study halls, and passing time.
- c) "School grounds" shall mean in or on or within any building, structure, athletic playing field, playground, or land contained within the real property boundary line of an elementary, intermediate, junior high, vocational, or high school or a board of cooperative educational services facility.

Method for Contacting Students During the School Day

Parents/guardians will contact the main offices of each building if it is necessary to contact students during the school day. The following is the contact information for the Main Offices:

Elementary School – (585) 243-1730 ext. 2146

High School – (585) 243-1730 ext. 2217

The aforementioned method for contacting students during the school day will be included in the District's calendar, and student handbooks.

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On-site Storage for Internet-Enabled Devices

Students will store internet-enabled devices in district designated spaces. Internet-enabled devices will be turned off, and will not be accessed during the school day.

Authorization for Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devices

The building principals may authorize student use of internet-enabled devices during the school day on school grounds for the following reasons:

- a) if authorized by a teacher or administrator of the school district for a specific educational purpose;
- b) where necessary for the management of a student's healthcare;
- c) in the event of an emergency;
- d) for translation services;
- e) on a case-by-case basis, upon review and determination by a school psychologist, school social worker, or school counselor, for a student caregiver who is routinely responsible for the care and wellbeing of a family member; or
- f) where required by law.

The District will allow student use of internet-enabled devices where such is included in the student's:

- a) individualized education program; or
- b) plan developed pursuant to section five hundred four of the federal rehabilitation act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 794.

Suspension

The District will not permit the suspension of a student if the sole grounds for the suspension is that the student accessed an internet-enabled device in violation of the policy

Publication

The District will publish in a clearly visible and accessible location on its website the internet-enabled device policy. Translation of such policy into any of the twelve most common non-

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English languages spoken by limited-English proficient individuals in the state, based on the data in the most recent American community survey published by the United States census bureau, shall be provided upon request.

Reporting

The District will publish an annual report on its website detailing enforcement of the policy within the district in the prior school year, including non-identifiable demographic data of students who have faced disciplinary action for non-compliance and analysis of any demographic disparities in enforcement of the policy. If a statistically significant disparate enforcement impact is identified, such report shall include a mitigation action plan.

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