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1. PURPOSE AND PHILOSOPHY

Nebo School District neither encourages nor discourages students from bringing and/or using electronic devices at school. The responsible use of electronic devices in the classroom may be beneficial to a student's education; however, electronic devices can also be disruptive to the educational process and are items that are frequently lost or stolen. **The District is not responsible for the security and safekeeping of these items and is not financially responsible for any damage, destruction, or loss of electronic devices.** In order to maintain a secure and orderly learning environment, and to promote respect and courtesy regarding the use of electronic devices, the District hereby establishes the following rules and guidelines governing student use of electronic devices, and procedures to address student misuse of electronic devices.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 **“Cyber Bullying”** means using e-mail, web pages, text messaging, blogs, instant messaging, three-way calling or messaging, or any other electronic means for aggression, intimidation, or harassment against another person. Examples include, but are not limited to, sending mean, vulgar, or threatening messages or images; posting inappropriate pictures of or sensitive, private information about the victim; pretending to be someone else to hurt that person; rude comments; lies; stalking; threats; extortion; harassment; and transmission of unflattering or embarrassing photographs.
- 2.2 **“Electronic device(s)”** means a privately owned device that is used for audio, video, or text communication or any other type of computer or computer-like instrument which includes, but is not limited to, cell phones, Mp3 players, iPods, iPads, tablets, personal digital assistants (PDAs), compact disc players, portable game consoles, cameras, digital scanners, laptop computers, and other electronic or battery powered instruments which transmit voice, text, or data from one person to another.
- 2.3 **“Sexting”** means the taking, disseminating, sending, receiving, sharing, or possession of sexually explicit messages, photographs, or images by electronic devices.

3. ELECTRONIC DEVICE USE

- 3.1 Student use of electronic devices must adhere to the following rules and guidelines:
 - 3.1.1 Electronic devices may be used during a class period or school activity when specifically approved by the teacher or a school administrator in conjunction with

educationally appropriate objectives. A teacher or school administrator should only authorize the use of electronic devices during a class period or other school activities when it benefits and enhances the students' education. Such matters may be addressed in a disclosure document provided by the teacher outlining class rules, procedures, and expectations.

- 3.1.2** Individual schools have the discretion to further prohibit student use of electronic devices during class breaks, lunch periods, or other times during school. Schools also have the discretion to designate certain times and/or areas on the school campus for student use of electronic devices during school hours. It is understood that elementary schools, junior high schools, and high schools will adopt varying levels of use restrictions on electronic devices based upon the age and maturity of the students.
- 3.1.3** Students may use electronic devices during class time when authorized pursuant to an Individual Education Plan (IEP), a Section 504 Accommodation Plan, or a Health Care Plan.
- 3.1.4** The use of electronic devices may be prohibited by students during state and federally mandated tests and assessments, unless specifically allowed by law, an IEP, a Section 504 Accommodation Plan, a Health Care Plan, or testing/assessment directions.

4. VIOLATIONS

- 4.1** Students shall not use electronic devices at any time or place for: (a) activities which disrupt the educational environment; (b) illegal activities in violation of state or federal laws or regulations; (c) unethical activities, such as cheating on assignments or tests; (d) immoral or pornographic activities, including, but not limited to, sexting; (e) activities which threaten, humiliate, harass, or intimidate others; (f) activities in violation of Board or school policies and procedures relating to student conduct and harassment; (g) activities which invade the privacy of others; or (h) activities which constitute bullying or cyberbullying. Such student misuses will be dealt with as serious school violations, and immediate and appropriate disciplinary action will be imposed, including, but not limited to, suspension and expulsion from school.
- 4.2** Electronic devices used in violation of this policy may be confiscated by school personnel and returned to the student or parent / guardian at an appropriate time. If an electronic device is confiscated, the electronic device shall be taken to the school's main office to be identified, placed in a secure area, and returned to the student and/or the student's parent/guardian in a consistent and orderly way.
- 4.3** First Violation: Depending upon the nature and seriousness of the violation and the imposition of other appropriate disciplinary action, consequences may include a relinquishment of the electronic device to the school administration and a conference between the student and school principal or assistant principal. The electronic device shall remain in the possession of the school administration until such time as the student personally comes to the school's main office and retrieves the electronic device and receives a verbal warning.
- 4.4** Second Violation: Depending upon the nature and seriousness of the violation and the imposition of other appropriate disciplinary action, consequences may include a relinquishment of the electronic device to the school administration and a conference between the student and his/her parent/guardian and the school principal or assistant principal. The electronic device shall remain in the possession of the school administration until such time as the student's parent/guardian personally comes to the school's main office

and retrieves the electronic device and is informed of this policy and what constitutes appropriate and inappropriate uses of electronic devices.

- 4.5** Third Violation: Depending upon the nature and seriousness of the violation and the imposition of other appropriate disciplinary action, consequences may include a relinquishment of the electronic device to the school administration, a conference between the student and his/her parent/guardian and the school principal or assistant principal, and suspension of the student from school. The electronic device shall remain in the possession of the school administration until such time as the student's parent/guardian personally comes to the school's main office and retrieves the electronic device and is informed of this policy and what constitutes appropriate and inappropriate uses of electronic devices.
- 4.6** Subsequent Violations: Students who are repeat offenders of this policy shall be subject to the imposition of any appropriate disciplinary action, which may include suspension and expulsion from school.
- 4.7** Students and/or parents/guardians, as applicable, are expected to claim a confiscated electronic device within ten (10) days of the date it was relinquished. The school shall not be responsible, financially or otherwise, for any unclaimed electronic devices after this time period.

EXHIBITS

None

REFERENCES

None

FORMS

None
