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STUDENT CELL PHONE
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BOARD POLICY

Introduction:

It is the policy of Department of Education that the use of cellular phones by students is a privilege that is allowed on school campuses within the parameters of this policy. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that student possession and use of cellular phones does not interfere with academic instruction, does not disrupt school operations, and its use is not in violation of the law.

Rationale:

In order to properly prepare students for life and promote excellence, the Department of Education embraces the appropriate use of technology. DOE students need to be exposed to available and newly developed technologies in order to properly prepare for higher education, the world of work, and as contributing citizens in society. However, inappropriate use and corresponding consequences need to be clearly delineated.

The Guam Education Board, in consideration of student safety and academic integrity within the school system, believes that appropriate standard operating procedures should govern student possession and use of cell phones within the school campus. Educators from across the country are exploring the integration and instructional use of technology, including camera cell phones, web-enabled cell phones, and cell phones with multi-media capabilities. However, school districts, including Guam, have also had to deal with such devices being used inappropriately on school campuses, causing disruption, leading to academic dishonesty, cyber bullying and sexting.

Policy:

1. Cellular phone use by students is ALLOWED, if part of academic instruction and for students with specific needs that require such devices as per their Individualized Education Program (IEP), 504 Plan, or Individualized Health Plan (IHP).
2. The Superintendent shall develop a Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) governing the possession and use of cell phones. The Superintendent shall ensure the implementation of the policy.
3. The SOP developed under this policy shall outline when confiscation shall occur.