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Cell Phone / Personal Computing Device Policy

According to SDP Board policy 237 (STUDENT USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES), updated in 2023:

“District students may not use **personal** computing devices, including for educational purposes, while inside District buildings and should instead use their District-issued computing device. A personal computing device includes any computing device that was not purchased or issued by the School District of Philadelphia”.

At FJC Elementary, **Personal Computing Devices** include **Cell Phones, Smart Watches and Wireless Head Phones** (such as Air Pods). Students are not permitted to use cell phones or other personal computing devices during **school hours** without their teacher’s or an administrator’s permission.

While in school, **ALL** Cell Phones/Smartwatches/Wireless Headphones must be **TURNED OFF & PLACED IN A Yondr Pouch** without exception. Students are responsible for their pouch and consequences will be given for those pretending to lock their pouch, or to those who damage their pouch in an effort to access their phone. If you receive a text from your child during the day, we ask that you please do not respond to your child by text because it will reinforce your child’s belief that cell phone use during the school day is acceptable. Instead please call the school, or message your child’s teacher through Class Dojo.

FJC will notify parents in the event of an emergency, such as an early dismissal or illness. If your child sees the nurse, you will receive a phone call or message from the school. Students should not call or text their parents asking to be picked up from school. Teachers may also send a follow up communication via phone or Class Dojo message. Please be sure to listen & read fully any messages you receive from the teacher, school or district. Mass messaging systems are often used as a way to communicate to the entire school community.

Any student who uses their cell phone / device during school hours without permission from their teacher or an administrator will have their cell phone / device confiscated. If there is a second occurrence, a parent/guardian will be required to come to the building and retrieve the device.

Thank you in advance for adhering to these policies. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Sincerely,

Kelly Espinosa

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