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WUSD Families,

The Arizona Legislature recently passed a mandate for all public schools regarding student access to personal electronic devices during the school day. In accordance with Arizona Revised Statute 15-120.05 and Children's Internet Protection Act, the Governing Board passed Policy IJNDB Use of Technology Resources in Education which outlines the restrictions and appropriate use of personal electronic devices. Beginning the 2025-2026 school year all schools will implement the following District Cell Phone and Electronic Device Policy :

Elementary School-Kindergarten to Grade 5

- Personal electronic devices are not allowed at school.
- Students will be restricted from accessing the district's network but will have necessary access associated with instructional programs and assessments.
- Parents may contact students by calling the front office.
- Students may request the front office staff to contact their parent.
- Travel updates for sports and other school activities will be sent out via Bloomz and social media.
- Emergency communications will be sent out to parents via the Bloomz communication platform-text messages, phone calls as well as social media posts. Students will be allowed to contact parents from a school phone when safe to do so.
- Students requiring a personal electronic device due to a medical condition or other extenuation circumstance must have a written IEP, 504 or administrator approving the use of such device.

Junior High School-Grade 6 to 8

- Personal electronic devices are not allowed during instructional time and passing periods with the exception of reporting an emergency, such as an unsafe environment/situation.
- Students will be restricted from accessing the district's network but will have necessary access associated with instructional programs and assessments.
- Parents may contact students by calling the front office.
- Students may request the front office staff contact their parent.
- Emergency communications will be sent out to parents via the Bloomz communication platform-text messages, phone calls as well as social media posts. Students may be allowed to contact parents during an emergency situation, such as lockdown or evacuation, if deemed safe to do so.

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- Students requiring a personal electronic device due to a medical condition or other extenuation circumstance must have a written IEP, 504 or administrator approving the use of such device.
- Students are responsible for securing their electronic devices; the school is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged devices during the school day or at school activities.

High School-Grade 9 to 12

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Violations of District Cell Phone and Electronic Device Policy

If a student is found in violation of the policy the following consequences will be given:

- First Offense-warning and parent contact
- Second Offense/Repeated Offense-confiscation of the device and device will be release to the parent at the end of the school day.
- Repeated Offenses-may be considered "Insubordination" and progressive discipline will be followed according to the Discipline Policy.

While schools have had rules regarding cell phones, this is the first district-wide policy. We appreciate your support as students and school staff adjust to the new policy and ask that you share this with your students so they know what to expect when they return to school.

I encourage parents and guardians to attend Back to School activities as well as Parent Advisory Committee meetings to learn more about this new policy. You may also reach out to the school principals.

Enjoy the remaining weeks of summer break. We look forward to seeing students on the first day of school, Monday July 28th!!

Sincerely,
Leeann M. Lacapa
WUSD Superintendent

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