Cottonwood Joint School District No. 242

STUDENTS **3265**

Student-Owned Electronic Communications Devices

Access to the devices is a privilege and not a right. Each student will be required to follow the Acceptable Use of Electronic Networks Policy and the Internet Access Conduct Agreement.

Students may only access the internet through the filtered District connection on a District-issued device, no personal devices will be used within the district during school hours.

The use of cameras on any type of electronic device is strictly prohibited in locker rooms, restrooms, and classrooms unless *a certified District employee authorizes the student to do otherwise*. Where students are allowed to use electronic devices, they are required to obtain permission before taking a photograph or video of any individual. Students must also obtain permission from any individual appearing in a photograph or video prior to posting on any social networking site or other internet site. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary actions.

Students found to be using any electronic communication device in any way to send or receive personal messages, data, or information that would contribute to or constitute cheating on any student assessment, project, or assignment shall be subject to discipline.

Students are responsible for safeguarding devices they bring to school. The district shall not be responsible for loss, theft, damages, or destruction of student owned devices brought onto school property.

Students shall comply with any additional rules developed by the school concerning appropriate use of telecommunication or other electronic devices. Chromebooks are no longer allowed to leave the classrooms. We have classroom sets only.

Student use or possession of personal electronic devices, including but not limited to cell phones and/or smart watches is prohibited at both Prairie Elementary School and Prairie Junior/Senior High School from starting bell to ending bell.

Students at Prairie Jr/Sr High School will be required to turn in all personal electronic devices, including but not limited to cell phones and/or smart watches brought into the building into their assigned home room (last period of the day class) lock boxes and will receive them back at the end of their school day. Students in possession of personal electronic devices, including but not limited to cell phones and/or smart watches on them, in their lockers or any other school locations will have their personal electronic devices, including but not limited to cell phones and/or smart watches, confiscated and turned into the office until the end of the school day.

Students at Prairie Elementary School are required to leave personal electronic devices, including but not limited to cell phones and/or smart watches in their backpack, locker, or cubby for the entire school day.

A student can pick up their confiscated device after school for the 1st offense. The student's parent(s)/guardian(s) will have to pick up the confiscated device for the 2nd offense and the student will be required to check in their electronic device daily at the office upon arrival at school for the remainder of the school year. Students who fail to comply with this policy will be assigned a 3-day in-school suspension. Further violations will be progressive following our disciplinary guidelines.

As has always been the case, students will be able to use the school phone, if needed. Continued infractions will constitute willful disobedience and will be punished accordingly. If parents are trying to reach a student, please call the office and we will get a note to your student to call from the office.

Students violating the provisions of this policy are subject to disciplinary action, including losing the privilege of bringing the device onto school property, detention, suspension, or expulsion. In addition, an administrator will confiscate the devices, which shall only be returned to the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) 2nd, 3rd, and 4th offenses.

The controls on electronic communication devices contained in this policy do not apply to special education or Section 504 students or students with an Individualized Education Plan when any of these or other such similar plans or identified electronic devices are required for medical conditions (i.e. diabetic students).

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