

# Dallastown Area High School

## Acceptable Use of Personal Technology Devices

### 2013-14 School Year

Consistent with the recently revised School Board Policy 815.1 : *Acceptable Use of Personal Technology Devices*, high school department chairpersons and the administration are expanding the use and accessibility of personal electronic devices in the classroom. Previously, personal electronic devices (e.g., personal cell phones, music/video players, and head phones) were not permitted to be used during the regular school day (7:45 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.). Under the supervision and direction of the classroom teacher, students will be permitted use of these devices as specified in the revised **DAHS Student Handbook**:

*Students are permitted to use personal electronic devices for purposes other than phone calls at the following times only:*

- *Before and after school*
- *During the student's scheduled lunch*
- *In the classroom, under the direction of a teacher*
- *During study hall(s); however, electronic devices should not disrupt other students' ability to study and complete school work during study hall.*
- *Transitions between classes*

*Personal electronic devices may be used for the following purposes only at the above times:*

- *Accessing the internet for educational purposes*
- *Texting*
- *Listening to music*

*Further, parameters to support the use of personal electronic devices include:*

- *Any student needing to make a phone call must utilize a phone in the main office. There should be no cell phone conversations during the regular school day.*
- *Students listening to music should use ear buds rather than headsets or speakers.*
- *Pictures or videos viewed or created on personal electronic devices are only permitted under the direction of the teacher.*
- *In the classroom, electronic devices may only be used at the teacher's discretion. For test security purposes, teachers may ask students to turn their devices off and lay them on the desk or place them in a backpack.*
- *Students who violate the electronic policy will receive disciplinary consequences. Students will be warned twice prior to receiving disciplinary consequences. On the third violation within the same classroom, the student will receive detention. Additional referrals may result in further disciplinary action.*
- *Any student who is using an electronic device in an unacceptable manner may have this privilege revoked without warning.*
- *The school will not assume responsibility for the recovery of student electronic devices that are lost, stolen, damaged, or confiscated.*

The faculty and administration are excited about enhancing instruction through the appropriate use of these devices. These devices have the potential to promote an expanded set of "real world" experiences in preparing students for college and career pathways.

Thank you for your support of this initiative and for your patience as we work to implement this expanded policy.

Sincerely,

The Faculty and Administration of Dallastown Area High School