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POLICY STATEMENT

Whereas: District School Board Ontario North East believes that employees and students should be safe and secure at all times during school hours of operation,

and District School Board Ontario North East believes that school hours of operation and more specifically instructional hours should be focused on student learning and not interrupted by handheld electronic communication and listening devices.

Be It Therefore Resolved:

That District School Board Ontario North East, in order to support learning in the classroom and promote safety and security of the students and employees, prohibits the use and/or display of handheld electronic communications, (i.e. cellphones), listening devices (i.e. music) and related equipment (i.e. earphones) on all school property during the regular school hours of operation by students.

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1.0 Objective

To prohibit the use and/or display by students in District School Board Ontario North East of all handheld electronic communication, listening and/or related equipment during the school hours of operation.

2.0 Definitions

2.1 Electronic communication devices such as a cellphone that holds access to the internet, cameras and any other electronic devices capable of communication outside or inside the school property.

2.2 Electronic listening devices and related equipment such as personal music listening apparatus (i.e. I-Pod, MP3 players, including earphones).

3.0 Policy

3.1 The confidentiality of employees and students on Board properties is a priority and must reflect the highest standards of courtesy and professional conduct.

3.2 The security and safety of employees and students is a priority and must always be maintained.

3.3 The use and/or display of handheld electronic communication, music listening devices and/or related equipment during regular school hours of operation will result in consequences for students.

3.4 The Director of Education in partnership with School Principals is authorized to issue such procedures and consequences as be necessary to implement this policy.

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APPENDIX A

Board Consequences For Non –Compliance

1. **First incident**

If a handheld electronic communication or listening device is seen or heard it will be confiscated until the end of the day. The phone/listening device will be kept in the office. The student's name is documented for tracking. The student must pick up the phone or listening device from the Principal or designate at the end of the day. If the student refuses to give the device up he/she will receive a one day in-school suspension.

2. **Second incident**

If a handheld electronic communication or listening device is seen or heard it will be confiscated and a parent will be responsible for picking it up from the Principal or designate. The incident will be documented for tracking. The student will receive a two day in-school suspension.

3. **Third incident**

If a handheld electronic communication or listening device is seen or heard, the student will receive a two day out-of-school suspension for persistent opposition to authority.

Phone Camera Use:

Should a student use their cell phone as a camera, he/she will receive an automatic out-of-school suspension for a minimum of 3 days.