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RE: A.R.S. 15-120.05 CELL PHONE USE BY STUDENT IN ARIZONA SCHOOLS

On September 26th, Arizona Revised Statute (A.R.S.) 15-120.05, a new law regarding the use of cell phones and electronic devices became law. This law required public schools to prescribe and enforce policies and procedures to the internet and wireless communication devices. Wireless communication devices include both personal devices and those provided by the school.

The Thatcher High School handbook has policies prohibiting the use of wireless devices during instructional time. This policy will continue to be enforced. Wireless devices, include cell phones, smartwatches and headphones or wireless ear buds.

With the new law in effect, Thatcher High School students will be expected to follow the following procedures regarding personal wireless devices.

Personal Wireless Devices are permitted before and after school, during lunch breaks (in designated areas) and during passing periods.

During instructional time, all devices must be turned off or set to silent and stored out of site in backpacks or in teacher designated device pouches. Students will not be allowed to have devices on their person or in pockets.

Texting, phone calls, accessing games, personal music or social media are prohibited during instructional time.

Students that violate the THS policy regarding wireless electronic devices will have their device confiscated by the teacher or staff member and turned into the office for the remainder of the school day. Students will receive discipline points as prescribed by the THS discipline policy outlined in the handbook. Repeat offenders may be required to turn their devices into the office at the beginning of the school day and a meeting will be scheduled with parents/guardians.

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Contacting Parents/Guardians

Students will need express permission from a teacher or staff member to contact their parent/legal guardian during instructional time. When permission is granted, the student is to report to the office and then contact their parent/guardian. The front office phone can also be used to contact parents/guardians.

Parents/Guardians with an urgent need to reach their child must call the school's front office at 928-348-7270 and the student will be notified and permitted to check their device.

Please feel free to contact the Thatcher High School office with questions about A.R.S. 15-120-.05 and its implementation in our learning community. Thank you for your continued support of the students, staff and programs at Thatcher High School.

ALL IN FOR THS!!!

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