

**IROQUOIS HIGH SCHOOL**  
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July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Jefferson County Public Schools Board of Education  
VanHoose Education Center  
3332 Newburg Rd  
Louisville, KY 40222

Dear Board Members,

I am writing to provide you with my rationale and support for the telecommunication waiver of school board policy for Iroquois High School.

As principal of Iroquois, I make every effort to ensure that, when graduates receive their diplomas, they are prepared for success at their next level of their educational and career endeavors. This includes being technologically literate, digitally competent, and electronically ethical to employ 21<sup>st</sup> century skills for enhanced success in college and career pursuits.

As the instructional leader of my school, I also make every effort to empower my teachers to challenge and engage their students, while teaching them appropriate use of technology. Teachers can now collaborate with all students, modeling how personal, hand-held devices can be used to facilitate learning, gather information, as well as to create appropriate products of learning.

During the 2013-2014 school year, we had approximately ten teachers that frequently and effectively implemented the use of personal telecommunication devices to enhance both their teaching and the students' learning. The greatest success occurred when teachers were clear about their expectations of when and where students could use the technology, and also how students could use the technology to enhance their learning. We provided multiple professional developments for all interested teachers to demonstrate what technology was appropriate and how to teach the students effective use of the respective technology.

Allowing the telecommunications waiver to the current board policy can both enhance teaching and facilitate learning. It has the capacity to bring greater relevance to the content for students, while providing a tactile manipulative that has become part of their everyday lives. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Perkins', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Chris Perkins  
Principal

July 14, 2014

Dear Jefferson County Public Schools Board of Education

At Iroquois High School, it is our mission to *build hope for each child by providing pathways to success at the next level*. One component of preparing our students for success at the next level is teaching them to be responsible and resourceful citizens, while empowering them to use technology appropriately. Personal telecommunication devices and electronic media devices, (Hereinafter "Personal Electronic Devices") which are defined in the *Code of Acceptable Behavior* and KRS 158.165 and includes, but is not limited to, cell phones, smart phones, iPads, iPods and other similar media devices are part of the technology that can be a benefit to the education of students, and an asset to student learning.

As educators, we need to assist students with responsible management of these personal electronic devices at school to better prepare them for post-secondary life. Students need to understand both respectful ways to use electronics, as well as how to make good choices when confronted with the temptation of a personal electronic device. As adults, we balance the use of these personal electronic devices with the environments with which we interact. A progressive approach to the use of personal electronic devices will not only teach and model mature management, but also provide a broader horizon for 21st century learning opportunities that are relevant to the technology our students enjoy and use.

A student at Iroquois High School may activate and display a personal electronic device on school property. The goal is to maintain an academic focus in classrooms and other study areas while respecting the needs of our students to have reasonable access to their personal electronic devices. To ensure an appropriate academic environment inside and outside the classroom setting, students must comply with the following rules:

- The personal electronic device must be on silent at all times.
- The use of personal electronic devices in the classroom is COMPLETELY at the discretion and approval of the teacher. Charging of personal electronic devices is also at the teacher's discretion.
- Placing or receiving voice or video phone calls is prohibited.
- Iroquois High School, faculty and staff, are not responsible for any physical damage, loss, or theft of a personal electronic device.
- The use of camera and video functions is prohibited at all times unless clearly defined within an instructional activity and authorized by the teacher.
- The use of personal electronic devices is prohibited in PAC, Time Out, or SOS for any purpose.
- Students shall comply with a teacher's/administrator's requests if there are concerns about usage at inappropriate times.
- Students shall not use a personal electronic device in any manner that disrupts the educational environment or violates the rights of others.
- Personal electronic devices shall not be used during class changes in the common hallways and in the cafeteria. Use of external speakers or headphones on personal electronic devices is prohibited in these areas between 7:40 am and 2:20 pm.
- External speakers or headphones may be used in the classroom when clearly defined within an instructional activity and with the authorization of the teacher.



**Iroquois High School Magnet Career Academy**

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- Students may not access, submit, post, publish, forward, download, scan, or display defamatory, abusive, obscene, vulgar, sexually explicit, sexually suggestive, threatening, discriminatory, harassing, bullying, and/or illegal materials or messages on any personal electronic device or otherwise violate the JCPS Acceptable Use Policy.
- The use of personal electronic devices during ALL assessment times is prohibited, even if the student has finished his/her assessment.

If a student violates any of the rules above, the personal electronic device will be confiscated by an administrator/teacher and the student will be subject to discipline pursuant to the Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline.

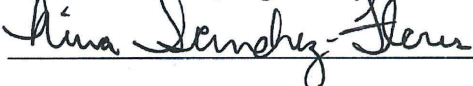
Repeated violations of this policy will result in loss of the student's privilege to use any personal electronic device temporarily or permanently.

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Site-Based Advisory Council Approval

  
Chris Perkins, Principal

  
David Buday, Mathematics Department

  
Caroline Johann, English Department

  
Nina Sanchez-Flores, English as a Second Language Department

Kristal Woodford, Parent Representative

Matthew Mota, Parent Representative

Date: 7/14/14

# **Iroquois High School**

## **Personal Telecommunication and Electronic Media Devices Policy Proposal**

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