

Pleasure Ridge Park High School

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July 2, 2014

Jefferson County Board of Education (JCBE)
3332 Newburg Road
Louisville, KY. 40218

Dear JCBE:

This letter is to serve as my support and rationale for Pleasure Ridge Park High School's (PRP) request to deviate from the "Personal Telecommunication and Electronic Media Devices" board policy.

PRP High School strives to prepare every student for postsecondary education. Teaching them to be responsible digital citizens and to use technology appropriately must be included. Personal telecommunication and electronic media devices, which are defined in the *Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline* and KRS 158.165 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 the mature management of these devices at school to better prepare them for postsecondary life. Students need to understand both the respectful ways to use electronics, and how to make good choices when confronted with the temptation of a media device. As adults, we balance the use of these devices with good judgment and respect for those around us in a number of settings. A progressive approach to media usage will not only teach and model mature management, but also provide endless learning opportunities that are relevant to the technology our students enjoy and use. Our students have a library in their pocket. Using that resource fulfills a growing need for a more efficient research tool.

Thank you for your consideration for PRP to adopt our proposed policy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Salyer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kim" and last name "Salyer" clearly distinguishable.

Kim Pehlke Salyer, Lead Assistant Principal
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To whom it may concern:

This letter is to serve as Pleasure Ridge Park High School's SBDM committee's Letter of Support for the Personal Telecommunication and Electronic Media Devices Policy.

The proposed policy is attached.

Sincerely,

SBDM

Pleasure Ridge Park High School

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Megan Miller", written over a horizontal line.

Megan Miller, SBDM Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Keith Cathey", written over a horizontal line.

Keith Cathey, SBDM Teacher Member

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather Haley", written over a horizontal line.

Heather Haley, SBDM Teacher Member

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kim Greenwood", written over a horizontal line.

Kim Greenwood, SBDM Parent Member

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mike Oyler", written over a horizontal line.

Mike Oyler, SBDM Parent Member

Proposal

SCHOOL-BASED DECISION MAKING POLICY

School: Pleasure Ridge Park High School
Subject of Policy: Personal Telecommunication and Electronic Media Devices Policy

Policy Statement:

A student at PRP High School may activate and display a personal telecommunication and electronic media device on school property. The goal is to maintain an academic focus in classrooms and other instructional areas while respecting the needs of our students to have reasonable access to their cell phones and electronic devices. To ensure an appropriate academic environment inside and outside the classroom setting, it is essential to adhere to the guidelines below. This policy is necessary to ensure respectful and non-disruptive use of personal electronic devices at PRP High School.

- The device should be on silent at all times.
- The use of devices in the classroom is **COMPLETELY** at the choice and approval of the teacher.
- Placing or receiving voice, video, or text calls are prohibited in the classroom.
- PRP High School, faculty, and staff will not be held responsible for any damage, loss, or theft of the personally owned device per *JCPS Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline*.
- The use of camera and video functions are forbidden at any time unless clearly defined within an instructional activity and with the permission of the teacher.
- Students will **not** be allowed to use devices in Tardy Hall or Time Out.
- Students will respect the teacher's/adult's request if there are concerns about usage at inappropriate times. If a student is not being respectful of the instructional setting, or not following an adult's directive, a referral will be written and the student will meet with an administrator.
- Devices may be used before school, after school, and during the student's lunch period in the common areas designated for lunch time (cafeteria, courtyard, old gym, and the hall in front of the cafeteria by the restrooms).
- Use of external speakers, headphones, or Bluetooth connectors on devices are prohibited in all areas at all times unless clearly defined within an instructional activity and with the permission of the teacher.
- Students using devices in any manner that disrupts the educational environment or violates the rights of others will be subject to disciplinary action.
- Students may **not** access, 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 device.
- The use of personal electronic devices during **ALL** assessment times are prohibited, even if the student has finished his/her assessment.

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

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

Date of First Reading: July 2, 2014

Date of Second Reading: _____

Date Adopted: _____

Signature: _____

(SBDM Chairperson)

Policy can not begin until the waiver is approved by the Board of Education.

Kim Salzer