

**SUBJECT: PERSONAL SMART DEVICE POLICY**

It is the policy of the Red Hook Central School District that students in grades Pre-K through 8 will be prohibited from possessing smart phones or smart watches (i.e., internet enabled devices) and related accessories (e.g., earbuds) on their person during the school day without permission from the Building Principal. Smart devices and related accessories may be stored in a school bag (turned off) for before or after school use. The school district is not responsible for any lost or stolen smart devices.

Given the dangers inherent in unsupervised access to the internet, students in grades Pre-K through 8 are prohibited from unsupervised internet use while on any school vehicle. Permission may be granted by the Principal (or his/her designee). The District is committed to responding to reported violations of this policy provision. The District will not require Bus Drivers to actively monitor student device use.

It is the policy of the Red Hook Central School District that students in grade 9-12 may carry smart devices during school hours and on school vehicles. During instructional times, however, students are prohibited from possessing smart devices on their person. Smart devices must be stored in a school bag or another location determined by the staff member in charge.

For the purposes of this policy, study halls are considered instructional times (unless otherwise determined by the Building Principal). Any student who knowingly possesses a smart device on his/her person during an instructional period without permission, will be considered insubordinate and subject to the Student Code of Conduct.

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