



Sachem Central School District

Patricia Trombetta, Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Families,

In response to the recently adopted New York State legislation regarding student cell phones during the school day, at its July 23rd meeting, the Sachem Board of Education passed a resolution, consistent with New York State Law, adopting Board Policy 4526 “Computer, Network and Internet Acceptable Use”.

This policy reads, “The use of personal electronic devices as defined above by students during the school day anywhere on school grounds is prohibited, unless such use is included in a student’s Individualized Educational Plan or 504 Plan.” Elementary students should not bring internet-enabled devices to school. Secondary students must store their internet-enabled devices in the School District provided locker upon arrival to school for the entire school day, from the opening bell until dismissal in each school building.

“Internet-enabled devices” shall mean and include any smartphone, tablet, smartwatch, or other device capable of connecting to the internet and enabling the user to access content on the internet, including social media applications; provided, however, that “internet-enabled devices” shall not include internet-enabled devices supplied by the School District that are used for an educational purpose.

For the purposes of this policy, “school day” is defined as the entirety of the instructional day, during all instructional and non-instructional time, including but not limited to homeroom periods, lunch, recess, study halls, and passing time.

For the purposes of this policy, “school grounds” is defined as in or on or within any building, structure, athletic playing field, playground, or land contained within the real property boundary lines of the School District’s schools.

You will receive additional details on procedures related to this policy from your child’s school closer to the start of the upcoming school year.

Sincerely,

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