



For School Year: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Elementary (Grades K–5) PEDs Policy:**

1. We strongly encourage parents to *not* send PEDs (Personal Electronic Devices such as cell phones, smartphones, laptops, iPads, tablets, eReaders, iPods, and similar devices) to school with elementary students as these easily provide a major distraction in class and are prone to being lost or taken without permission. In addition, devices with Internet-connectivity pose major safety risks for children and potentially even their classmates as elementary students generally do not possess the maturity or skills to use the Internet safely unsupervised.
2. However, an elementary student may bring a PED to school provided the parent provides a signed “PED Parent Consent Form.” Upon student arrival, PEDs must be silenced and kept in the student’s backpack during the school day (backpacks for some classes hang outside the classroom). PEDs must not be seen, heard, or used during the school day (including recesses).
3. Students may use PEDs in AfterCare *only* if the device cannot connect to the Internet (no cell phones for this reason).
4. Elementary students shall not capture, publish, broadcast, or otherwise electronically transmit photos, video, or audio of students or staff at school or at school-sponsored activities *without the explicit parental permission* of those photographed, recorded, or videotaped, except for activities considered to be in the public arena such as sporting events or public performances.
5. All use of PEDs and school technology resources must comply with this PEDs policy and with the GPCS Responsible Use Policy.
6. Parents understand that no technical support is provided for PEDs by the school, and that *all PEDs are brought to school at the user’s own risk. Neither GPCS nor its staff are responsible for theft, loss, or damage to PEDs.*
7. Use of PEDs is *strictly prohibited* in locker rooms, restrooms, or any other place where people have a reasonable expectation of privacy.
8. Elementary Violations: If PEDs are brought to school without permission or used without permission, they may be confiscated and the parent be required to retrieve them. Any further misuse or unauthorized use of a PED may result in the loss of the privilege to bring a PED to school. If an elementary student uses a PED to photograph, record, and/or video while on campus without permission, the device will be confiscated by the teacher and must be retrieved by a parent. In such cases, disciplinary action will be taken with the student.

**Parental/Guardian Consent**

- I have carefully read all the above information and explained it to my child(ren). I will support GPCS fully in the enforcement of these rules.
- I give permission for my child to bring a Personal Electronic Device (PED) to school, understanding that *all PEDs are brought to school at the user’s own risk and that neither GPCS nor its staff are responsible for theft, loss, or any damage to devices brought to school.*

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Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Name Printed: \_\_\_\_\_