Use of Wireless Communication Devices by Students/Anti-disruption Policy

I. PURPOSE: To implement the policy at South Valley Prep with regard to the use of all wireless communication devices by **all** students.

II. DEFINITIONS

A. Wireless Communication Device (WCD) means a portable electronic device capable of transmitting voice, text or data, including a: cellular phone, smartphone, or smartwatch; tablet computer; laptop computer; or gaming device.

III. GUIDELINES

A. Students are **prohibited** from using a wireless communication device during instructional hours.

B. The prohibition against student use of WCDs during instructional hours shall not apply:

1. for a medical necessity,

2.. as an identified accommodation in an individualized education plan or section 504 plan for a student with a disability.

C. Schools shall provide annual and developmentally appropriate digital citizenship instruction to students with topics to include, at a minimum, the effects of screen time on adolescents and risks associated with social media.

D. Each school principal, or his/ her designee, shall monitor student violations of the WCD policy.

E.Consequences for Wireless Communication Device (WCD) Policy Violations

IV. Violations of South Valley Prep's Wireless Communication Device Policy will result in the following escalating consequences:

First Offense

1.The WCD will be confiscated by school staff.

2.The student's **parent or guardian will be contacted**.

3.The WCD must be **picked up by the parent or guardian** at the end of the school day.

4. The Guardian will read and sign this form with the understanding of the policy.

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Second Offense

1.The WCD will be confiscated and **secured on campus for one (1) week**.

2.The student will not have access to the device during this time.

3.The parent or guardian will be notified of the violation and the one-week retention period.

Third Offense

1.The WCD will be confiscated and **held by the school for the remainder of the trimester**.

2.The student will lose the privilege of having a wireless communication device on campus for the remainder of the trimester.

3. A parent or guardian must retrieve the device at the end of the trimester.

Important Notice: School Liability

South Valley Prep is **not liable** for lost, stolen, damaged, or confiscated wireless communication devices.

Reason: Students bring personal electronic devices to school at their own risk. While the school will make reasonable efforts to securely store confiscated devices, the school is not responsible for the security, maintenance, or condition of any personal device brought to campus. This policy helps reinforce the importance of minimizing distractions and maintaining a focused learning environment.

V. EFFECTIVE DATE This regulation shall take effect on Sept 25, 2025.