

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 9, ARTICLE 11, SECTION 9-11.6, ENTITLED "PORTABLE COMMUNICATION DEVICES PERMITTED; USE IN CLASSROOM; SUPERINTENDENT TO DEVELOP REGULATIONS" OF THE POLICIES OF THE SUFFOLK CITY SCHOOL BOARD – SECOND READING

BE IT ORDAINED, by the School Board of the City of Suffolk, Virginia that Chapter 9, Article 11, Section 9-11.6, entitled "Portable communication devices permitted; use in classroom; superintendent to develop regulations" of the Policies of the Suffolk City School Board, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 9-11.6. Portable communication devices permitted; use in classroom; superintendent to develop regulations. — A. The School Board hereby permits ~~It is hereby permitted in high schools only,~~ the lawful use of beepers or similar portable communication devices, such as cellular telephones, walkie talkies, smart phones, tablets, Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) or other hand held communicating devices, when such device is being used as a communication device by any person on school property, including vehicles the use of portable communication/technology devices by students enrolled in Suffolk Public Schools during the school day. Portable communication/technology devices include, but are not limited to, cell phones, smart phones, tablets, eReaders, smart watches and laptops.

B. Recognizing that certain electronic devices may not be appropriate for instruction, portable communication/technology devices will only be considered for classroom use if they are mobile and have the capability of browsing the Internet. Whether a device is appropriate to connect to Suffolk Public Schools' network will be made by Suffolk Public Schools' technology department and the decision will be final.

C. ~~All possessions or use of beepers or similar portable communication devices such as cellular telephones, walkie talkies, smart phones, tablets, Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) or other hand held communication devices shall be subject to written regulations issued by the school superintendent so as to prevent disruption of instruction and to maintain order on school property and at school activities.~~ The school superintendent is hereby authorized to develop regulations for further implementation of this policy.

G. ~~Students may use portable communication devices after the instructional day as long as such communication devices are not activated or used inside School Board buildings or school buses, unless use inside School Board buildings or school buses is specifically permitted by regulations promulgated by the school superintendent.~~ (Adopted August 8, 2002; Ordinance Number 02/03-01; Effective: August 8, 2002; Revised June 9, 2016; Ordinance Number 15/16-96; Effective Date: July 1, 2016)

Legal Authority – Virginia Code §22.1-279.6 (1950), as amended.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, subsections, sections and chapters of the School Board's Policy Manual not amended or repealed shall remain in full force and effect.

FIRST READING: May 12, 2022

SECOND READING: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE: _____

TESTE: _____
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Approved as to form and content:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wendell M. Waller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

**Wendell M. Waller, Esquire
School Board Attorney**