

# **2017-2018 Major Handbook Revisions**

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1. A request to remove or change the unacceptable clothing, jewelry, etc.
2. Family contact to bring in acceptable clothing.
3. Student sent to in-school suspension if nothing can be done to either remove or replace the inappropriate dress.
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## **Revised: Page 19 – Add highlighted language**

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**Additionally:** Alternative dress codes may be issued for special events such as dances, fun nights and or field trips. These special dress codes will be issued well in advance of the date for the event.

**Rationale:** This type of proactive communication is designed to create a more enjoyable experience for all in attendance at our special events.

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## **Current: Cell Phones and MP3 PLAYERS / ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

### **CELLULAR PHONES**

Cell phones may be brought to school provided they are powered off and kept in lockers between the instructional hours of the school day. **Cell phones may not be turned on upon entering the building in the morning.** Cell phones cannot be used in the building until the instructional school day has ended. If the item be seen during the school day it will be confiscated and brought to the office. Choosing to not hand over the item to a staff member is not an option and will constitute insubordination. Cell phones are not permitted to be used on field trips unless granted permission. The office shall assign consequence which may include warning, parent to pick up the phone, detention, ISS or OSS.

### **MP3 PLAYERS / ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

MP3 players and CD players can be brought to school and used on the bus. Upon entering the building the item must be turned off and placed in the student's locker during school hours. Students violating this rule will result in the confiscation of the item and returned to parents. Continued violation of the rule will result in more severe consequences. All liabilities, loss, or theft of this type of equipment rests with the student. Certain incentives may allow students to use these devices during class, policy will still be expected to be followed and the item may only be brought to the class allowing its use.

**Revised:** Page 20 and 25 – combine sections into one

### **CELLULAR PHONES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Cell phones/**electronic devices** may be used on the bus and brought to school provided they are powered off and kept in lockers during instructional hours of the school day. Cell phones/**electronic devices** cannot be used in the building until the instructional school day has ended. If the item is seen during the school day it will be confiscated and brought to the office. Choosing to not hand over the item to a staff member is not an option and will constitute insubordination. **Please note that we understand the educational value of incorporating the use of electronic devices into instructional practices and have certain incentives which allow their use. Your child may be asked to bring a device to school for this purpose. All liabilities, loss, or theft of this type of equipment rests with the student.** Cell phones/**electronic devices** are not permitted to be used on field trips unless granted permission. The office shall assign consequences for infractions which may include warning, parent to pick up the phone, detention, ISS or OSS.

**Rationale:** The two policies basically stated the same information and added language refers to more frequent classroom use.

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### **Current: GUM**

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On a trial basis, gum chewing will be allowed during the school day at DLR with the exception of PE, band and choir classes. At their discretion, individual teachers may also prohibit the use of gum. If garbage or gum found in unwanted areas becomes an issue, the use of gum will be banned.

**Revised:** Remove section – page 19

**Rationale:** No issues with gum have occurred for several years.

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### **Current: CUTTING CLASS**

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A student is guilty of cutting when, during the course of the day, he or she is absent from class without the consent of parent or school. Since late arrival to class in excess of five minutes after the bell has rung is considered an absence, such arrival without permission is considered a cut. A cut is an unexcused absence.

**Revised:** Remove section – page 25

**Rationale:** Five minutes late for class no longer constitutes an unexcused absence per truancy. We have a tardy policy to address late arrivals and will handle late arrivals of more than five minutes on an individual basis. These rarely occur.