

**EAST, PREBLE, SOUTHWEST, WEST HIGH SCHOOLS
GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN**

To: All High School Students, Parents and Families

From: Principals Ed Dorff, Natasha Rowell, Rod Bohm, and Mark Flaten

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Re: Two-way communication device policy change and student WIFI access

The Green Bay Area Public School Board has recognized the potential educational value of two-way communication and other personal electronic devices and has adopted a new policy for student possession and use of cell phones, laptop computers, electronic notebooks and other personal electronic devices. The District does permit students to possess and use two-way communication and other personal electronic devices on school premises and at school-sponsored activities as described below:

1. Students are allowed to use their cell phones, laptops, iPads, and other personal electronic devices under these conditions:
 - a. During non-instructional time, meaning before and after school, during lunch and during passing time as long as the use doesn't interfere with the operation of the school or the learning environment.
 - b. Devices may be used in classrooms and study halls only with the specific permission of the classroom teacher and for educational purposes.
 - c. Possession of these devices in school or at school-sponsored activities is at the student's own risk. Any costs related to the use of such devices in school during instructional or non-instructional time are the responsibility of the student and or the student's family. Students themselves are solely responsible for any loss, damage or liability related to their devices. The District is in no way liable for loss, damage or misuse of the devices or any costs including but not limited to text minutes, data plans and other costs associated with the use of the personal electronic device.
 - d. Any issues of tardiness or refusal to follow staff instructions that are related to the use of cell phones or personal electronic devices will be dealt with under current Board policies addressing those behaviors.
2. A wireless network (WIFI) connection for student use is available in each high school starting mid-January 2012. This connection is intended to allow student access to the internet for educational purposes. Students may not deliberately use the network in such a way that would disrupt the use of the network by other users (i.e. download or use streaming video or music).
3. Parents wishing to deny permission for their child's use of personal electronic devices during instructional time are asked to notify the school office of that denial in writing. Also it is important that parents know that the schools are not requiring, asking for, or expecting any students to have any type of personal electronic device at school. (In case you hear, "*Mom, the principal says I need an i-phone,*" that's not true.)

4. Instructions for accessing the WIFI network:

Wireless access is available for students to use on their personal devices.

The SSID is **GBAPS-Guest**.

To log in, be sure that WIFI is activated on the personal device. Then launch the internet browser on the device and enter the user's network ID and Password. Some personal devices may not have a compatible internet browser. In those cases the user will not be able to login or use the wireless internet access with that device.

It is important to note that even though a personal device is being used, the District's Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) still applies, so it is expected that the use of the district wireless will be restricted to educational purposes only.

Students are also reminded that they should NEVER share an ID or password with another user and NEVER log in for another user. Doing so may place the student's personal data in jeopardy by permitting the other user complete access to anything the student has access to. In addition, doing so is a violation of both district policy and is considered a *felony* under Wisconsin statutes.