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Distraction-free Schools' Policy Enforcement 2025-2026

Unatego CSD Distraction-free Schools' Policy

Personal internet-enabled devices such as cell phones, smartwatches, and wireless earbuds will not be used during the school day. At our High School and Middle School, this means 8:00 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. All students will store their personal electronic devices in an individually assigned Yondr Pouch. While the Yondr Pouch is considered school property, each student must bring it to school every day and keep it in good working condition.

Progressive discipline related to the following offense

If a phone, smartwatch, or earbuds are seen or heard during the school day and are not in the Yondr pouch, and/or if a student places an alternate phone in the Yondr pouch.

1st Offense: The student is reported to the administration, and the device is confiscated until the end of the day. The student is issued a warning.

2nd Offense: The student is reported to the administration, and the device is confiscated. The student will be assigned two days of lunch detention.

3rd Offense: The student is reported to the administration, and the device is confiscated. The student will be assigned a week of lunch detention. A parent/guardian will be notified.

Further offenses will result in confiscation of the device, a parent meeting, and a half to a full day in an alternate learning space.

Data regarding students who faced disciplinary action due to non-compliance:

Unatego Elementary School (PreK - 5th) Data: No students faced disciplinary action

Unatego Middle School (6th - 8th) Data: No students faced disciplinary action

Unatego High School (9th - 12th) Data:

- 23 total students faced disciplinary action
    - 16 students had one offense, resulting in the confiscation of a device and a verbal warning.
    - 5 students had two offenses, resulting in confiscation of the device and two days of lunch detention. A parent/guardian was notified.
    - 1 student had three offenses, resulting in confiscation of the device and five days of lunch detention. A parent/guardian was notified.
    - 1 student had four offenses, resulting in confiscation of the device and ½ day in the alternate learning space. A parent/guardian was notified.

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As seen in the data table below, in the high school, disciplinary action was spread fairly evenly across grades 9-11, with only one senior receiving a warning. All students facing disciplinary action were of similar socioeconomic status. 22 of the students were White, and 1 was Black. More males faced disciplinary action than females.

Distraction-free Schools Policy Violations 25-26					
		1st offense	2nd offense	3rd offense	4th offense
Grade	Sex	Warning	LD x2	LD x5	ALS .5 or 1x
9	male	x	x	x	x
9	male	x			
9	male	x			
9	male	x	x	x	
9	male	x	x		
9	female	x			
10	male	x			
10	male	x			
10	male	x	x		
10	male	x	x		
10	male	x			
10	male	x			
10	male	x			
10	male	x			
10	male	x			
10	male	x			
10	male	x	x		
11	female	x			
11	female	x			
11	male	x			
11	male	x	x		
11	male	x			
12	male	x			

Table 1: High School (9-12) Disciplinary Action Data 25-26

Mitigation of Demographic Disparities Plan

The data showed that 20 high school males, but only 3 high school females, were caught violating the distraction-free school policy in the 25-26 school year. To address this disparity, staff will be informed of the 25-26 data, reminded to look for personal internet-enabled device use amongst all groups of students, and asked to be vigilant of students hiding devices in their backpacks and/or pockets. To ensure all students are reported fairly, it will also be reiterated that all violations should be reported via discipline referral, and no personal warnings should be given.