



**CATSKILL CENTRAL SCHOOLS**



**Code of Conduct - Public Hearing  
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The purpose of this presentation is to provide the Board with a status update of the recommended changes to the 2018-19 Code of Conduct .



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The following changes and recommendations were offered by the SAVE Committee and our legal team:

## **Bystander Misconduct Page 10**

Students who engage in misconduct when they do not initiate or directly participate in prohibited; but rather by their action and / or inaction they allow damage or injury which could have prevented and / or encourage prohibited conduct.



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## Cell Phones & Other Communication Devices Page 10

The District recognizes that there are personnel electronic devices that have educational applications such as calculators, voice records, digital cameras, and musical listening devices. In some instances a “smart phone” may include applications that permit these functions. These devices shall be allowed to be used in classrooms only when they are included as part of a lesson under the direction of a teacher.

Therefore to prevent such disruption, the display and/or use by students of cellular phones (including “smart phones”), pagers, 2-way communication systems other electronic devices, and/or their accessories shall be prohibited from the time students arrive at school until the end of the regular school day, unless specifically permitted to be used by a teacher or administrator.



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## **Cellular Phones and State Assessments-Page 11**

**In order to ensure the integrity of testing, in accordance with state guidelines, students are not allowed to bring cell phones or other electronic devices into classrooms or other exam locations during state assessments.**

**Test proctors, monitors, and school officials shall have the right to collect cell phones and other prohibited devices prior to the start of the assessment and hold them for the duration of the test taking time.**





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## **Dress and Grooming-Page 15**

### **Recommended Additions**

**•Hats and other head gear including hoods and do-rags/wave caps (inside the building) except for religious or medical reasons**

**•Pants/trousers worn off waist or the pants crotch at knees are prohibited if undergarments not covered or if it presents a health and safety issue**



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## **Harrassment and Intimidation- Page 16**

The Board of Education is committed to providing a safe and productive learning environment within the District. Harassment and intimidation of or by students, faculty, staff, or visitors are strictly prohibited on school property in school buildings, on school buses, and at school sponsored events and/or activities whether occurring on or off campus.

- \*The Responsibility of Faculty and Who Witness Acts of Bullying**
- \*Definition of Bullying Behavior**
- \*Cyber Bullying**
- \*List of DASA Coordinators by Building**



## **Social Media- Page 18**

Social Media such as Facebook, Twitter, and Youtube have increased the ability for communication between and among school community constituent groups. The use of such media can create an increase in communication and access to information and interaction.

With the popularity of Social Media as a means of staying connected in today's world, faculty, staff, students, and parents are advised to clearly distinguish between personal and professional communications in order to maintain confidentiality and professionalism and in order to avoid potential conflicts or the appearance of impropriety.





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QUESTIONS

COMMENTS

CONCERNS