

CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTIONCELL PHONE POLICYCAPITAL HIGH SCHOOL
(An Ohio Non-Profit Corporation)

The Governing Authority (the "Board") of West Columbus Drop Back Inc, dba Capital High School, (the "School"), a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Ohio, hereby resolves as follows:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board adopts the Cell Phone Policy, attached as Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein as restated. Per the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce's guidelines, the Board of Directors shall establish this policy regarding cell phone use.

APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION

It is hereby resolved that the Board approves and adopts the Cell Phone Policy with / without amendment,

as moved by CHRYS GAWRONSKI

and seconded by KIMBERLY GIBSON

Board Member Name/Initials	AYE	NAY	Other (abstain, not present)
Kimberly Gibson	<u>Y KB</u>		
Desmond Bryant	<u>Y DB</u>		
Raymond Hutson			<u>Y</u>
Christopher Gawronski	<u>Y CG</u>		
Terrence Lawrence	<u>X TL</u>		
Kimberly Connell	<u>X KC</u>		
Anthony Forte, Chairman	<u>X AF</u>		

As adopted on this 15th day of May, 2025.

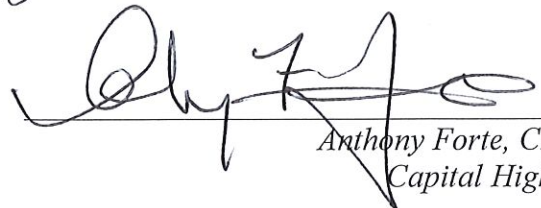

Anthony Forte, Chairman
Capital High School

EXHIBIT A

Ohio's Cell Phones in Schools Model Policy

To support school environments in which students can fully engage with their classmates, their teachers, and instruction, the Board of Education of **Columbus City Schools** has determined the use of cell phones by students during school hours should be limited.

The objective of this policy is to strengthen **Columbus City School's** focus on learning, in alignment with our mission to ignite students' passion for learning, cultivate a strong foundation of knowledge, and foster a sense of community within our schools.

I. Research

Research shows that student use of cell phones in schools has negative effects on student performance and mental health. Cell phones distract students from classroom instruction, resulting in smaller learning gains and lower test scores. Increased cell phone use has led to higher levels of depression, anxiety, and other mental health disorders in children.

II. Applicability

This policy applies to the use of cell phones by students while on school property during school hours.

III. Use of cell phones

Students are prohibited from using cell phones at all times, except during designated breaks.

IV. Exception

Nothing in this policy prohibits a student from using a cell phone for a purpose documented in the student's individualized education program developed under Chapter 3323 of the Ohio Revised Code or a plan developed under section 504 of the "Rehabilitation Act of 1973," 29 U.S.C. 794.

A student may use a cell phone to monitor or address a health concern.

V. Cell phone storage

Students shall keep their cell phones in a secure place, such as the student's locker, a closed backpack, or a storage device provided by the district, at all times when cell phone use is prohibited.

VI. Discipline

If a student violates this policy, a teacher or administrator shall take the following progressively serious disciplinary measures (check all that apply):

- ☒ Give the student a verbal warning and require the student to store the student's cell phone in accordance with this policy.
- ☐ Securely store the student's cell phone in a teacher- or administrator-controlled locker, bin, or drawer for the duration of the class or period.
- ☐ Place the student's cell phone in the school's central office for the remainder of the school day.

- ☒ Place the student's cell phone in the school's central office to be picked up by the student's parent or guardian.
- ☒ Schedule a conference with the student's parent or guardian to discuss the student's cell phone use.
- ☐ Other (insert as needed).