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RECORDING OF PARENT-STAFF MEETINGS

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- I. For purposes of this policy, a recording is defined as the capture of a person's individual voice or images (i.e. pictures/video) through audio tape, digital, personal communication devices (i.e. smart phones) or other electronic means.
- II. The requirements of this policy shall not be interpreted to be in conflict with the requirements of Policy 5.25 – Student Use of Cellular Telephones and Other Communication Devices. Nor shall the requirements of this policy be interpreted to extend to school-sponsored public events, where there can be no expectation of privacy. A school-sponsored public event is any school-related activity, whether free or at which an admission fee is charged, that members of the public may attend. These include but are not limited to athletic competition, plays, musical performances, awards ceremonies, and graduation.
- III. In general, the recording of parent-staff meetings is prohibited. Video recording of parent-staff meetings is strictly prohibited. Audio recording of parent-staff meetings is prohibited except as provided below.
- IV. The principal or a District administrator may permit an exception to this general prohibition for audio recording of parent-staff meetings related to Exceptional Student Education services (including child find, evaluation, eligibility determination, or provision of ESE services) where a parent has documented that such audio recording is necessary for that parent to meaningfully participate in the meeting; to understand the IEP process and/or his/her child's IEP; or is otherwise necessary to implement other parental rights under the IDEA, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and/or the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended. Authorized exceptions to the general prohibition against the audio recording of a parent-staff meeting will typically involve situations when a parent has a disability recognized under Section 504/ADA or a language barrier that would preclude the individual's ability to understand and/or meaningfully participate in the IEP process or the relevant planning of the student's education.
 - A. If a parent believes that recording a parent-staff meeting related to Exceptional Student Education services is necessary, s/he should notify the principal in writing, preferably at least two (2) school days before the meeting, of his/her desire to record the meeting and the reason the recording is required. The principal, Director of Exceptional Student Support Services or designee may ask for documentation of the existence of any such disability or language barrier. The principal, Director of

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Exceptional Student Support Services or designee will notify the parent at least one (1) school day before the meeting if s/he intends to grant or deny the parent's request to record the meeting.

- B. If the principal, Director of Exceptional Student Support Services or designee denies the request, s/he will state in writing the reasons for the denial. Authorized exceptions to the general prohibition against the recording of IEP Team meetings involve situations when a parent, or authorized representative of a parent, or other IEP Team member, is unable to understand or meaningfully participate in the IEP process or the planning of the relevant student's education due to a disability, language barrier, or some other impairment. If a parent is permitted to record the meeting, s/he must use his/her own audio recording device and the District will similarly record the meeting.
- C. For purposes of the recording of IEP Team meetings, a recording is defined as the capture of voices, and other ambient sound electronically, digitally, or by any other means for the purpose of retrieval and review. Recording, moving visual images at an IEP meeting is strictly prohibited.
- D. If the District records an IEP Team meeting, the resulting recording shall become a part of the student's educational record and will be maintained in accordance with State and Federal law.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: **1001.32, 1003.02, 1002.20 F.S.**

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