SECTION III: STUDENT POLICIES 3380

Communication Device Policy

The Board of Education (“Board”) of the Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy (“School”) hereby adopts this Communication Devices policy. As used in this policy, an "electronic or digital communication" includes, but is not limited to, emails, text messages, instant messages, direct messages, social media messages, messages sent through software applications, and any other electronic digital means of communication. "School personnel" means teachers, coaches, administrators, school bus drivers, or any other persons employed full-time or part-time by School.

School personnel engaging in electronic or digital communication with an individual student shall include the student's parent or guardian in any electronic or digital communication, unless such communication is on a school-approved platform and related to school and academic communications. In the event of an emergency, an exception to this requirement may be made so long as there is subsequent notification to the parent or guardian. School personnel shall make reasonable efforts to use school-approved platforms, systems, or applications that allow automatic inclusion of parents or guardians in communications with students. The School shall provide training, developed by the State Department of Education, for school personnel on the student communication requirements of this policy.

Any school personnel who is reported to be in violation of this policy shall be put on administrative leave while the School investigates the incident and notifies the Board. If the investigation finds that no misconduct occurred, the school personnel shall be reinstated, and the incident shall be noted in the school personnel's employee file. If the investigation finds misconduct occurred, the school personnel shall be disciplined, up to and including termination of employment, and the incident shall be reported to law enforcement immediately for any violation involving sexual activity, sexual contact, or any other inappropriate or unlawful behavior pursuant to Oklahoma law.

Legal Reference: *70 O.S. § 6-401*

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The Head of School is directed by the Board to develop a sudden cardiac emergency response plan. The plan shall be formulated by the Head of School, or designee, and shall be presented to Board.

The plan shall:

1. Establish and provide for membership of a sudden cardiac emergency response team for each School site. Each team shall include a School site administrator;

2. Activate the team in response to a sudden cardiac arrest;

3. Implement automated external defibrillator (AED) placement and routine maintenance within the School as needed and dictated by the plan and in accordance with guidelines set by a nationally recognized, guidelines-based organization focused on emergency cardiovascular care. The plan shall provide for implementation of clearly marked and easily accessible AED placement;

4. Provide for communication and dissemination of the plan throughout the School campus;

5. Require the response team to practice the plan by conducting periodic drills;

6. Provide for coordination with emergency medical service providers that serve the area in which the School is located;

7. Address athletic events and athletic facilities at each School site provided: (a) an AED shall be placed at each athletic venue or be accessible within one to three minutes of each venue where athletic practices or competitions are held, or (b) a mobile AED device shall be on the premises in accordance with guidelines set by a nationally recognized, guidelines-based organization focused on emergency cardiovascular care;

8. Provide for appropriate school staff to be trained in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and the use of an AED in accordance with guidelines set by a nationally recognized, guidelines-based organization focused on emergency cardiovascular care. The plan shall stipulate the appropriate staff to receive training which shall include, but not be limited to, athletic coaches, school nurses, and athletic trainers; and

9. Be reviewed by the school district board of education and sudden cardiac emergency response team members and updated annually.

The Board directs the Head of School to inform the sponsors of youth athletic activities not associated with the School that they are encouraged to follow the guidance stated in the Chase Morris Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act (the “Act”), and for these sponsors to inform the Head of School in writing if they are going to follow the guidance in the Act.

Legal Reference*: OK S.B. 1921 (2024), Chase Morris Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act*

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