

Agenda Item Title: Board Policy 4.204, *Instructional Use of Digital Devices*

Board Meeting Date: June 9, 2026

Department: Legal

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Board Agenda Category:

- Consent Agenda
- Action Item
- Reports and Information

Requires City Council Approval: Yes No

Summary

Board Policy 4.204, *Instructional Use of Digital Devices*, is a new policy drafted to comply with Public Chapter 808 of the Tennessee Public Acts of 2026. PC 808 requires all school districts serving students in grades kindergarten through five to develop a policy establishing requirements for age-appropriate instructional use of digital devices. This policy prioritizes teacher-led instruction and non-electronic materials, limits device use to educational purposes, restricts student access to social media during the instructional day, and includes exceptions required by state law. The policy also authorizes the Director of Schools to develop administrative directives, procedures, forms, notices, and other guidance necessary to implement this policy and to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal law.

Staff Recommendation

Approval of Policy 4.204, *Instructional Use of Digital Devices*, first reading.

Fiscal Impact

No fiscal impact.

Connection to MCS's Five-Year Strategic Plan

- Known:** Every student will be *known* through whole-child programs and support.
- Safe:** Every student will be *safe* through equitable access to buildings, facilities, and infrastructure that meets their needs.
- Challenged:** Every student will be *challenged* by learning from highly effective educators and employees.
- Empowered:** Every student will be *empowered* through academic success.