

# **ATTENTION**

## **PARENTS & STUDENTS**

### **NEW PDE POLICY**

#### **KEYSTONE/PSSA TESTING**

***POSSESSION OR USE OF ANY CELL PHONE, SMARTPHONES OR OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING TESTING IS NOT ALLOWED AND STRICTLY PROHIBITED***

***Electronic devices include, but are not limited to cell phones, smartphones, E-readers, Nooks, Kindles, iPads, iPods, tablets, and camera-ready devices***

**As per Pennsylvania Department of Education, if a student is in possession of any cell phone, smartphone, and/or other electronic devices during the Keystone/PSSA test administration, the consequences are as follows:**

- Students will receive a “*do not score label*” on his/her test booklet**
- The student violating the cell phone/electronic device policy will be required to retake the entire exam.**
- The cell phone or electronic device will be confiscated until such time that a parent or guardian can come to the school to pick up the device**

- **If there is a violation of the no cell phone, smartphone or other electronic device policy, discipline will vary depending on whether test material has been compromised.**
- **Parents and students may be responsible for the cost of replacing any testing materials that have been compromised.**
- **Penalties for violations of the Copyright Act may include the cost of replacing the compromised test item(s) or fines of no less than \$750 up to \$30,000 for a single violation.**
- **If, after testing is complete and test materials have been returned, it is discovered that the student used and/or had an electronic device in his/her possession during the administrator of the test, the following will occur:**
  - **The school's discipline policy will be followed**
  - **The student's scores will be invalidated**