

CELL PHONES and OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Purpose: To establish policies regarding student possession and use of cellular phones and other electronics communication devices at school, at school sponsored events, and on school buses.

Policy: July 1, 2006 was established as the as the effective date of State Legislative Act No. 2006-530. This law allows local boards of education to adopt policies pertaining to the possession and use of electronic communication devices on school property. The provisions adopted by the Daleville City Board of Education that address the issue are listed below.

1. The Daleville City School System prohibits the student use of all electronic Communication devices, including cellular phones and pagers/beeper, at all school during the school day. This is to include using cellular phones to make voice calls, to take photos, and/or to send/receive text messages. Students shall be allowed to possess such electronic devices; however, such devices must be turned off (meaning all functions are not operative) when a student arrives on campus and must remain turned off until the end of the school day. Devices are not to be visible during the school day. Exceptions may be granted by the school principal or his/her designee.
2. Students involved in before or after school academic programs shall observe School hour rules during these programs.
3. Students use of cellular phones/electronic communication devices shall be allowed on school buses on regular routes before and after school provided they are not causing any disruption. Photos may not be taken on the bus utilizing camera phones or other type imaging products due to student confidentiality regulations and safety concerns. Violations on regular bus routes shall be referred by the bus driver to the principal or assistant principal of the school the students attends.
4. Students use of cellular phones/electronic communication devices for field trips, sporting events, extracurricular activities, etc. During school hours or before or after school hours will be at the discretion of the principal and sponsor/coach.
5. Consequences for violations of this policy shall result in disciplinary action Being taken. Specific consequences shall be stated in student handbooks provided to students at each school. See Below.
6. The school/school system will not be responsible for the loss, damage, or theft of any electronic device brought to school or a school event.

CONSEQUENCES

ALL CELL PHONES TURNED ON WILL BE CONFISCATED, TURNED IN TO THE HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE, AND MUST BE PICKED UP BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN, AFTER DISCIPLINE IS SERVED.

ADDITIONALLY

First Offense – Device will be confiscated and will be returned only to the parent the following school day. Refusal to turn phone over = 3 days Suspension and parental contact.

Second Offense - Device will be confiscated for 10 school days and will be returned only to the parent. Refusal to turn phone over = 4 days Suspension, parental contact, and referral to principal.

Third Offense – Device will be confiscated and kept until the end of the term then will be returned only to the parent. Refusal to turn phone over = 3 days Suspension and parental contact. Refusal to turn phone over = 5 days Suspension, parental contact, and referral to the principal.

Fourth Offense–Device will be confiscated and kept until the end of the school year. Refusal to turn phone over = 6 days Suspension, parental contact, and referral to the principal.

Student Name: _____ **Offense: #** _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

School Official: _____ **Date:** _____