

# Franklin County Board of Education

Monitoring:  <b>Review: Annually, in April</b>	Descriptor Term:  <b>Use of Cellular Phones and Other Personal Communication Devices in School</b>	Description Code:  <b>6.312</b>	Issued Date:  <b>07/08/10</b>
		Rescinds:  <b>6.312</b>	Issued:  <b>5/11/06</b>

1 The use of cellular phones and other communication devices by students upon entering the school building is  
 2 not permitted; furthermore, the use of cellular phones by students on school premises is not allowed during the  
 3 regular school day (8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) and other instructional times. Additionally, as a safety precaution,  
 4 students are not to use cellular phones and other communicative devices on a school bus without the special  
 5 permission of the bus driver. For the purpose of this policy, use of such a device means either receiving or  
 6 sending a message by the emission of an audible signal or sound, vibration, or visual display. If the cellular  
 7 phone or other device emits a sound, or vibration, or displays a message, whether or not it is answered, it is  
 8 considered to be in use.  
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10 Possession of a cellular phone or other communication device is not a violation of this policy (except for  
 11 elementary school students who are not permitted to have a cell phone at school) if the phone or device is kept  
 12 concealed and out of sight in a purse, pocket, book bag, locker, or automobile and is not in use during the  
 13 regular school day. Not keeping the phone or device out-of-sight during the regular school day (from 8:00 a.m.  
 14 to 3:00 p.m.), or using a picture phone inappropriately during the time phones can be used, will result in  
 15 disciplinary action determined by the principal.  
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17 When parents sign the Franklin County Code of Behavior each year they have acknowledged that they are fully  
 18 aware of this policy.  
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20 School employees who discover a student using a phone or other personal communication device in violation of  
 21 this policy shall report the violation to the principal. Violation of this policy will result in the student's cell  
 22 phone being confiscated for seven (7) days. A student may choose to have his/her cell phone returned before  
 23 the end of the seven (7) days by paying a twenty-five dollar (cash only) fine at the end of the school day in the  
 24 main office. If a student fails to relinquish his/her cell phone to the teacher or principal, the student will be  
 25 automatically sent to the Alternative Learning Center for twenty (20) days.  
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27 Additional disciplinary/corrective actions may be taken to ensure that instructional time is protected and that  
 28 safety is not compromised.  
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30 Students who use the camera component of the cell phone are subject to additional disciplinary measures, as  
 31 well as reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency, if deemed appropriate.  
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33 Students and parents are to be properly informed of this policy through the normal process of informing them  
 34 of school rules and regulations.  
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36 The use of cell phones by staff members shall be at the discretion of the school principal.  
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