

Decatur County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in April	Descriptor Term: <p style="text-align: center;">Use of Personal Communication & Electronic Devices – Grades 9 through 12 Only</p>	Descriptor Code: <p style="text-align: center;">6.3121</p>	Issued Date: <p style="text-align: center;">07/13/17</p>
		Rescinds: <p style="text-align: center;">6.3121</p>	Issued: <p style="text-align: center;">06/09/16</p>

1 Students may possess personal communication and/or electronic devices on his/her person on the
 2 campus. Such devices include, but are not limited to, wearable technology such as eye glasses, rings, or
 3 watches that have the capability to record, live stream or interact with wireless technology; cell phones;
 4 laptops; tablets; and mp3 players. At no time will the school be responsible for theft, loss, or damage to
 5 cell phones or other personal electronic devices brought onto school property. All devices must be turned
 6 off, except when the teacher grants permission for use during instructional activity. Teachers are
 7 encouraged to integrate these devices into their coursework.

8 Unauthorized use or improper storage of a device will result in confiscation until such time as it may be
 9 released to the student’s parents or guardian. A student in violation of this policy is subject to disciplinary
 10 action.

11 Inappropriate use of cameras on personal communication devices is strictly prohibited on school
 12 property or at school functions. A student improperly or illegally using cameras on personal
 13 communication devices (or otherwise) will have the device confiscated, may be referred to law
 14 enforcement and may be subject to disciplinary action by the Decatur County Discipline Board
 15 Hearing Authority.*

16 * The point of reference for this policy is TCA 39-13-605 Unlawful Photography in Violation of Privacy.

17 **Staff Policy**

18 Faculty and staff are allowed to use cell phones when students are not present. Exceptions may be made,
 19 at the principal’s discretion, for extenuating circumstances.

20 Decatur County Schools and /or its employees are not responsible for the theft, loss, damage, or
 21 destruction of student’s personal communication devices brought onto school property.