

Cleveland City Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in April	Descriptor Term: Use of Personal Communication Devices and Electronic Devices	Descriptor Code: 6.312	Issued Date: 06/09/14
		Rescinds: 6.312	Issued: 04/04/11

1 A "personal electronic device" is a device that emits an audible signal, vibrates, displays a message, or
2 otherwise summons or delivers a communication to the possessor. Such devices include, but are not
3 limited to, wearable technology such as eye glasses, rings, or watches that have the capability to
4 record, live stream, or interact with wireless technology; mp3 players, tablets, CD players, cell phones,
5 iPODs, iPADs, and laptop computers.

6 Personal electronic devices shall not be visible, audible, or used during school hours or during
7 afterschool detention. The principal or designee may grant permission to use a personal electronic
8 device at his/her discretion. A device used outside these parameters shall result in confiscation of the
9 device until such time as it may be released to the student's parent or guardian. A student in violation
10 of this policy is subject to disciplinary action.

11 The principal or designee may grant permission for the use of cameras on personal electronic devices
12 when the camera is used for instructional purpose. Otherwise, the use of cameras on personal
13 electronic devices for the purpose of capturing still or video pictures is strictly prohibited on school
14 property (especially in restrooms and locker rooms) during school hours. A student in violation of this
15 policy is subject to disciplinary action.

16 Sexting, the electronic transmission or "reception and retention" of pornographic pictures, if found on
17 advice in the possession of a student on school property or at a school-related event, shall be subject to
18 suspension/expulsion. Sexting events that occur off campus are subject to review by school officials to
19 determine whether or not bullying or harassment is involved. In the event the picture exploits a minor,
20 all students involved will be reported to law enforcement authorities.

21 Students who use a personal electronic device during these hours without permission as described
22 above are in violation of this policy and are subject to the related disciplinary action¹ according to
23 school procedures, which have been clearly published in each school's handbook. Repeated offenses
24 will be considered a Level IV infraction.

25 The school will not be responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged personal electronic devices.

Legal Reference:

1. TCA 49-6-4214