

# Decatur County Board of Education

Monitoring:  <b>Review: Annually, in April</b>	Descriptor Term:  <h2 style="text-align: center;">Use of Personal Communication Devices in School – Grades K-8 Only</h2>	Descriptor Code: <b>6.312</b>	Issued Date: <b>07/13/17</b>
		Rescinds: <b>6.312</b>	Issued: <b>11/13/97</b>

- 1 Students shall not possess personal communication devices, such as pagers and cellular phones, while
- 2 on school property or while attending a school-sponsored activity on or off school property, unless the
- 3 student has a permit and is on active duty as a member of a volunteer fire fighting organization or a
- 4 volunteer emergency medical service organization. In order to obtain a permit, the minor must have
- 5 secured signed consent from one of his/her parents or legal guardian(s).
  
- 6 A "personal communication device" is a device that emits an audible signal, vibrates, displays a
- 7 message, or otherwise summons or delivers a communication to the possessor.
  
- 8 A person who discovers a student in possession of a personal communication device shall report the
- 9 violation to the principal. The device will be confiscated and forfeited to the district.
  
- 10 Students who possess a personal communication device are in violation of this policy and school rules
- 11 and are subject to the related disciplinary action.

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Legal References

1. TCA 49-6-4214