

# Hardeman County Board of Education

Monitoring: <b>Review: Annually, in April</b>	Descriptor Term: <b>Use of Personal Communication Devices and Electronic Devices</b>	Descriptor Code: <b>6.312</b>	Issued Date: <b>08/14/14</b>
		Rescinds: <b>6.312</b>	Issued: <b>09/08/11</b>

1 A "personal communication device" is a device that emits an audible signal, vibrates, displays a  
2 message, or otherwise summons or delivers a communication to the possessor. Examples of such  
3 devices are, but not limited to, wearable technology such as eye glasses, rings, or watches that have the  
4 capability to record, live stream, or interact with wireless technology; pagers, cellular phones, beepers,  
5 ipods, mp3 players, two-way radios, and other similar electronic devices used for the purpose of  
6 communication.

7 Electronic communication devices have become a vital part of our lives. Even though these devices  
8 may be useful to our students, they are disruptive to the educational process when used during the  
9 school day. Therefore, the use of personal communication devices as defined above will not be  
10 allowed during the school day.

11 Students are not permitted to possess cell phones on school property in purses, pockets, or backpacks  
12 during the school day.

13 Students are not permitted to make or receive calls, or transmit or receive text messages, on cell  
14 phones, or use these or other personal communication devices for any reason at any time during the  
15 school day on school property including school buses. The office phone should be used for all  
16 incoming and outgoing student calls.

17 For the purposes of this policy, the school day is defined as 7:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. The school day for  
18 students transported by bus will begin when they enter the bus in the morning and depart the bus in the  
19 afternoon.

20 Any student determined to be using or handling a cell phone or other personal communication device  
21 during the school day shall have the cell phone or other such item confiscated and kept in the office for  
22 thirty (30) school days, after which time the item will be given to a parent or guardian. On the second  
23 offense, the cell phone or other device will be confiscated and held for sixty (60) days. On the third  
24 offense, the cell phone or other device will be confiscated and held for the balance of the academic  
25 school year, but not less than ninety (90) school days.

26 All confiscated personal communication devices that are not claimed by the parent or guardian by the  
27 end of the school year will become the property of the Hardeman County Schools.

28 Principals will have the option to conduct random searches for the possession of cell phones.

29 Any use of a cell phone or other electronic communication device for immoral or pornographic  
30 purposes, or for photographing of test, or text messaging during an exam, or for the purposes of

- 1 harassing a student, faculty, staff, or administrator, or for any other such infractions of school policies
- 2 will result in suspension and/or remand. These actions may also result in the arrest and referral of the
- 3 student to the court system.