

Obion County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in April	Descriptor Term: Use of Personal Communication and Electronic Devices in School	Descriptor Code: 6.312	Issued Date: 12/01/14
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1 Personal communication/electronic devices for purposes of this policy are devices such as, but not limited to, cell phones, pagers, CD players, Ipods, I pads, MP3 players, audio recording devices, cameras, and radios.

4 **STUDENTS IN GRADES K-8**

5 Students in grades K- 8 may not possess personal communication/electronic devices on their person during school hours. The use of personal communication/electronic devices during school hours is strictly prohibited. Such devices should be left in the student's locker or other secure area during the school day. The devices should be left in the "off mode" if stored in the student's locker and should not be visible during the regular school hours or during bus routes to and from school. Use or improper storage of personal communication/electronic devices in violation of this policy is subject to disciplinary action as indicated below.

12 In emergency and/or unusual circumstances, the principal or his/her designee may grant a student permission to use a personal communication and/or electronic device at his/her discretion.

14 The use of cameras (e.g., video, digital, or still photography) or cameras on personal communication devices is strictly prohibited on school property or at school related activities unless express permission is given by the principal and/or his/her designee.

17 **STUDENTS IN GRADES 9 - 12**

18 Students in grades 9 - 12 may possess personal communication/electronic devices, such as, but not limited to, cell phones and I pads, while on school property for student learning. A device used outside of established parameters shall result in confiscation of the device.

21 1. The taking of photos or the recording of videos, whether by cell phone or any other device, in places where privacy is a reasonable expectation is strictly prohibited. An incident of this nature could result in a sexual harassment violation.

24 2. Using cameras on cell phones or other devices to record altercations on school grounds or at school events is prohibited. In such cases, the devices may be confiscated as evidence.

26 3. Students are allowed to use cell phones and other devices in the classroom for educational purposes only and must be under the direct supervision of their teacher.

28 4. Students are allowed to use cell phones and other devices in the commons area/lunch room during morning and lunch breaks. Students may not use such devices during normal classroom breaks.

1 5. Under teacher direction, cell phones and other devices are to be placed on student desks, or other
2 designated area, in the "off" or "quiet" mode at the beginning of each class period. If such device rings,
3 vibrates, or causes disruption, the device shall be confiscated. Once placed in the designated area, the
4 device shall remain there until the end of the class (i.e., if the student must leave the classroom for any
5 reason, the device must remain in the designated area).

6 6. The devices should be left in the "off mode" and should not be visible during bus routes to and from
7 school.

8 **Consequences for Procedure Violations Grades K - 12**

9 1. Violation of the above procedure will result in the student's cell phone or other device being confi-
10 scated for seven (7) days.

11 2. Students may choose to have their cell phone or other device returned before the end of the seven (7)
12 days by paying a twenty dollar (\$20), cash only, fine at the end of the school day in the main office.

13 3. An administrator will be contacted if the student refuses to give up the cell phone or other device for
14 a violation or if a student turns in a "dummy" phone. The student's insubordination will result in
15 disciplinary action.

16 Neither the school system nor individual schools shall retain any responsibility/liability for loss, theft,
17 or unauthorized use of electronic devices.

18 Teachers may have a cell phone in their possession, but it shall be used only in their planning time and
19 when students are not present.