

Rutherford County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in April	Descriptor Term: Use of Personal Communication Devices and Electronic Devices	Descriptor Code: 6.312	Issued Date: 06/05/14
		Rescinds: 6.312	Issued: 11/29/12

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. Use shall include the
 3 device ringing, vibrating, beeping or causing any type of disruption.

4 Students may possess personal communication devices, portable gaming devices and personal
 5 electronic devices including but not limited to, cell phones, laptops, tablets, mp3 players, cameras,
 6 wearable technology such as eye glasses, rings or watches that have the capability to record, live
 7 stream or interact with wireless technology on school property so long as such devices are turned off
 8 and stored in backpacks, purses or personal carry-alls. A teacher may grant permission for the use of
 9 these devices to assist with instruction in his/her classroom and to integrate these devices into their
 10 course work. The principal or his/her designee may also grant a student permission to use such a
 11 device at his/her discretion. Students must adhere to the Rutherford County Board of Education’s
 12 Acceptable Use Policy when using personal communication devices as permitted in this policy.
 13 Unauthorized use or improper storage of a device will result in confiscation of the device and
 14 appropriate disciplinary action.

15 A person who discovers a student using, accessing, or displaying a personal communication device in
 16 violation of this policy shall report the violation to the principal. The device will be confiscated. Any
 17 student who possesses a personal communication device in violation of this policy is subject to
 18 disciplinary action.

19 Students may use cellular telephones while attending after school activities.

20 A student who is on active duty as a member of a volunteer fire fighting organization or a volunteer
 21 emergency medical service organization may request written permission from the school’s principal to
 22 possess a personal communication device. In order to obtain written permission, a minor student must
 23 have secured signed consent from one of his/her parents or legal guardian(s).

24 Possession of a cellular telephone under the circumstances set forth in this policy is a privilege which
 25 may be forfeited by a student who fails to abide by the terms of this policy.

26 The Rutherford County Board of Education, its schools, nor its employees assume no responsibility or
 27 liability for the loss or damage to any student’s personal communication device, or for the
 28 unauthorized use of a student’s personal communication device.