

# Houston County Board of Education

Monitoring: <b>Review: Annually, in April</b>	Descriptor Term:  <b>Use of Personal Communication and Electronic Devices</b>	Descriptor Code: <b>6.312</b>	Issued Date: <b>06/12/23</b>
		Rescinds:	Issued: <b>07/08/13; 08/08/22</b>

Students may possess personal communication devices and personal electronic devices so long as such devices are turned off and stored away or in a designated area in a classroom directed by the teacher. Such devices include, but are not limited to, wearable technology such as eye glasses, rings, or watches that have the capability to record, live stream, or interact with wireless technology; cell phones; laptops; and tablets. However, a teacher may grant permission for the use of these devices to assist with instruction in his/her classroom, and teachers are encouraged to integrate the devices into their course work. The principal/designee may also grant a student permission to use such a device at his/her discretion.

Any audio or visual recording by students is strictly prohibited on school property or at school functions unless authorized by the principal/designee.

Unauthorized use or improper storage of a device will result in confiscation until such time as it may be released to the student's parent(s)/guardian(s). A student in violation of this policy is subject to disciplinary action.