

Johnson 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: 07/11/24
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1 **DEFINITION**

2 *Personal communication devices* include, but are not limited to, wearable technology such as
3 eyeglasses, rings, or watches that have the capability to record, live stream, or interact with wireless
4 technology; cell phones; laptops; tablets; earbuds; and MP3 players.

5 **MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS**

6 Students who have a medical device that necessitates cellphone access during the school day, may
7 receive an exemption from this policy upon the development of an individual Healthcare Plan
8 consistent with a physician's orders. Such exceptions apply to medical needs only and does not allow
9 cell phone use for other purposes. Applications for medical exemptions shall be made to the school
10 administration, and individual Healthcare Plans and any exceptions from this policy must be approved
11 by school administration.

12 **RECORDING DEVICES**

13 Whether on school buses, on school property or at a school sponsored event, students are not permitted
14 to use recording devices (photograph, audio, or video) without administrative approval. A student in
15 violation of this policy is subject to the appropriate grade-level disciplinary action as outlined below.

16 **SCHOOL BUSES**

17 K-12 students in transit may use personal communication devices if the device is in silent mode or if
18 earbuds are utilized. A student in violation of this policy is subject to the appropriate grade-level
19 disciplinary action as outlined below.

20 **ALTERNATIVE PLACEMENT**

21 Alternative school students and/or students in alternative placements such as ISS, lunch detention,
22 before/after school detention, and Saturday School may not possess personal communication devices.
23 A student in violation of this policy is subject to the appropriate grade-level disciplinary action as
24 outlined below.

GRADES K-8

Cell phones, I-watches, Air Pods, Nintendo Switches, or other items which may interfere with instruction should remain in backpacks throughout the school day. We understand that many students have a cell phone for emergencies and after school activities.

The expectation is that these devices will remain in the student's backpack (not in hoodie, shirt or pants pockets, or jackets). If the student doesn't carry a backpack, they must turn the device in at the front office to be picked up at the end of the school day. Students without a backpack will not be allowed to carry these devices.

If a student is seen with their cell phone out and does not have administration's permission, the phone will be confiscated.

Students who share inappropriate photos, derogatory messages, threats against students or staff will be subject to investigation and the loss of cell phone privileges. Cell phones confiscated for these reasons will be handed over to the proper authorities for further investigation. Cell phones will be subject to search and seizure while on school property.

Confiscation Procedures:

1st offense: Documented Warning-Teacher will return phone to student at the end of the class period

2nd offense: Phone will be stored in the office and the student may pick up at the end of the day

3rd offense: Parent will be called to pick up phone

4th offense: Parent will be called to pick up phone and the student forfeits the privilege of having a phone at school for the remainder the semester

Doe, Laurel, MCE, RCE and JCMS are not responsible for any damaged, lost or stolen cell phones, or other electronic devices.

GRADES 9-12

With the exception of alternative school, students in Grades 9-12 may possess personal communication devices while on school property; however, the device must be in the off mode and must be kept in the provided pocket chart found in each classroom and may not be used during instructional time. If a student gets caught with another phone while their phone is in the provided pocket chart then it is an automatic Disciplinary Hearing Authority (DHA) meeting. Students are not permitted to use the devices during class time unless the teacher has given permission for instructional purposes. A student in violation of this policy is subject to disciplinary action as outlined below.

1 Students who share inappropriate photos or videos, derogatory messages, threats against students or
2 staff will be subject to investigation and the loss of cell phone privileges. Cell phones confiscated for
3 these reasons will be handed over to the proper authorities for further investigation. Cell phones will be
4 subject to search and seizure while on school property.

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6 **First Offense:**

- 7 • Verbal warning.
- 8 • Parent/guardian will receive phone call from administration.

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10 **Second Offense:**

- 11 • Written Warning. The student will receive disciplinary referral.
- 12 • Parent/guardian will receive phone call from administration.
- 13 • The device can be picked up from the school office at the end of the day.

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15 **Third Offense:**

- 16 • Written Warning. The student will receive disciplinary referral.
- 17 • Student will be placed in either lunch detention or before/after school
18 detention for three (3) school days.
- 19 • Parent/guardian will receive phone call from administration.
- 20 • Parent/guardian may pick up the device from the school OR the student
21 can pick it up from the office on the fifth (5th) school day after the
22 offense. The phone will not be allowed in the students' possession for
23 five (5) school days after the offense.

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25 **Fourth Offense:**

- 26 • Written Warning. The student will receive disciplinary referral.
- 27 • Student will be placed in either lunch detention or before/after school
28 detention for five (5) school days.
- 29 • Parent/guardian will receive phone call from administration.
- 30 • Parent/guardian may pick up the device from the school OR the student
31 can pick it up from the office on the thirtieth (30th) school day after the
32 offense. The phone will not be allowed in the students' possession for
33 thirty (30) school days after the offense.

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35 **Fifth Offense:**

- 36 • The student will receive disciplinary referral.
- 37 • Student and parents/guardians will be required to attend a Disciplinary
38 Hearing Authority (DHA) to determine student placement.
- 39 • The Device will not be allowed on school property pending the outcome
40 of the DHA

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