

Houston County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in March	Descriptor Term: Use of Wireless Communication Devices	Descriptor Code: 6.312	Issued Date: 06/09/25
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General¹

Students are permitted to use wireless communication devices in certain limited situations. Wireless communication devices include any portable wireless device that has the capability to provide voice, messaging, or other data communication between two (2) or more parties, such as wearable technology, cell phones, tablets, and gaming devices.

A student may be permitted to utilize a wireless communication device under the following circumstances:

1. In case of emergency;
2. When authorized by a teacher;
3. To manage the student's health, as documented in the student's individual healthcare plan;
4. When the possession or use is required by the student's individual education program, 504 plan, or individual learning plan; or
5. When the device is being used by a student with a disability for the operation of assistive technology to increase, maintain, or improve the student's functional capabilities.

GRADES PK-5

Students may possess wireless communication devices so long as such devices are turned off and stored for the entirety of the school day unless one of the exceptions above applies.

GRADES 6-12

Students may possess wireless communication devices so long as such devices are turned off and stored during instructional time. During breaks throughout the school day, students may use wireless communication devices as permitted by school administrators/designees.

PENALTIES

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.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION PLAN

In the event of an emergency or possible emergency occurring at school, parent(s)/guardian(s) shall be alerted by school/district phone notification system, social media, or school/classroom-based notification apps.

Legal References

1. [Public Acts of 2025, Chapter No. 103](#)

Cross References

Code of Conduct 6.300