

Bartlett City Board of Education		6023
Descriptor Term: Wireless Communication Devices ¹	Descriptor Code: Student Services	Issue Date: 06/23/2014
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1 “Wireless Communication Device” means a portable wireless device that has the capability to provide
2 voice, messaging, or other data communication between two (2) or more parties, including, but not
3 limited to:

- 4 1. Cellular telephones;
- 5 2. Tablet computers;
- 6 3. Laptop computers, and;
- 7 4. Gaming devices.

8 “Emergency” means an occurrence, or threat thereof, whether natural, technological, or manmade,
9 that results, or may result in, a substantial risk health, life, property, or the environment. In the event
10 of an emergency or possible emergency, BCS parents and guardians will receive prompt
11 communication from the District’s Central Office via its mass notification system used for school
12 closures.

13 Except as provided in the limited circumstances below, BCS students may not use wireless
14 communication devices during instructional time.

15 A student may use wireless communication devices during instructional time in the following
16 circumstances:

- 17 1. As authorized by the student’s teacher for educational purposes;
- 18 2. During an emergency;
- 19 3. To manage the student’s health;
- 20 4. In conformance with the student’s Individualized Education Plan, Section 504 Plan, or
- 21 Individual Learning Plan; or
- 22 5. For the operation of assistive technology to increase, maintain, or improve the student’s
- 23 functional capabilities.

24 Upon reasonable suspicion, school and District administrators may search any cell phone on any
25 BCS property including, but not limited to, parking areas and other campus areas designated for
26 school use. Unauthorized use or improper storage of a device may result in confiscation until such
27 time as the device may be released to the student’s parent or guardian. The District is not responsible
28 for any loss or theft of any personal communication or electronic device while on school property.
29 Furthermore, the District is not responsible for any confiscated items, and will not repair or replace
30 any lost, stolen, or damaged confiscated items while in the custody of the District.

¹ Public Acts of 2025, Chapter No. 103

- 1 Any student in violation of this Policy is subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the BCS
- 2 Student Code of Conduct.
- 3 This Policy shall be published on the BCS website.
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