North Kansas City Schools Cell Phone Policies & Procedures

MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVEL (7-8)

Purpose

At North Kansas City Schools, our goal is to create a warm, welcoming, safe, and academically focused environment for students. Student cell phone use at school has been identified as a tremendous distraction to meeting that goal. In addition, with the deployment of district issued MacBooks, cell phones are unnecessary for academics throughout the school day. The building-level practices outlined below have been developed in coordination with NKC Schools Board Policies JFCD – Student Use of Personal Communication Devices and JG-R – Technology Misconduct. You may also reference Board of Education Policies EHB – Technology Usage and EHBA – Use of Personal Electronic Devices for Instructional Purposes for more information.

- ***From 7:15 a.m. - 2:12 p.m., student cell phone use is prohibited.***
  - Student cell phones may ***NOT be seen/heard/accessed*** for any reason during the school day.
- If students bring cell phones to school, they must be concealed and secured in their locker or personal bag/backpack.
- **Cell phones can only be used before school and after school.**

What About Necessary Student/Family Communication?

- Guardians should **contact the front office to communicate messages** to students, or families may **contact students through district email**. Students have frequent access to district email through their district issued MacBook.
  - In order to protect instructional time, please limit student contact/communication to only important/urgent messages.
  - Our school has over 100 active landline phones that can be made available for necessary student communication.
- Families should ***NOT call, text, or video-conference*** students during school hours.
- In the event of an emergency or other exceptional circumstances outlined in *Board Policy JFCD* and state statute, students will be permitted to use their personal electronic devices.

Consequences for Violations

Progressive consequences will accumulate per student, per year.

1st Incident	***Subsequent Incidents***	
• Confiscation • Parent Contact • Student Pickup	• Confiscation • Parent Contact • Parent Pickup	• Detention • Parent Meeting • Suspension

***If student refuses to turn in their cell phone for a policy violation the student will be subject to further disciplinary action for insubordination, NOT for the cell phone violation.**