

Telecommunication Devices

In compliance with Kentucky Law, the Board of Education recognizes the growing presence of telecommunication devices in students' lives. To maintain an optimal learning environment, beginning in the 2025-2026 school year, the use of all telecommunication devices is strictly prohibited during instructional time. This policy establishes clear guidelines to support student focus, engagement, and academic success while minimizing disruptions. Telecommunication devices include but are not limited to: cell phones, tablets, gaming devices, headphones, earbuds, smartwatches with texting ability.

PROHIBITED USE DURING INSTRUCTIONAL TIME

Students are not permitted to use, display, or access telecommunication devices during instructional time, including class periods, assemblies, and any other designated learning activities.

Telecommunication devices must be turned off, placed in silent mode or airplane mode and stored in a backpack, locker, or designated area as determined by the school.

LIMITED USE IN NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SETTINGS

Students may use telecommunication devices before and after school, during lunch, and during passing periods unless otherwise restricted by individual school policies.

Use of telecommunication devices during emergency situations will be allowed as directed by school personnel.

EXCEPTIONS

Telecommunication devices may be permitted for educational purposes under the direct supervision of a teacher or administrator.

Students with documented medical conditions, individualized education plans (IEPs), or program service plans (PSPs) requiring access to telecommunication devices must receive prior approval from the school administration.

ENFORCEMENT & CONSEQUENCES

Violations of this policy will result in progressive disciplinary actions, which include:

- 1st Offense: Verbal warning and parental notification.
- 2nd Offense: Confiscation of the device for a full instructional day and turned into a centralized location. May be picked up at dismissal.
- 3rd Offense: The student telecommunication device will be required to be turned into a centralized location upon arrival at school and may be picked up at school dismissal for 9 calendar weeks. Local schools may utilize other methods to limit access for the 9-week period.
- 4th Offense: The student will be strictly prohibited from having a telecommunication device on school grounds for one semester or 18 weeks.
- 5th Offense: The student will be strictly prohibited from having a telecommunication device on school grounds for one calendar year.

Telecommunication Devices**RESPONSIBILITY & LIABILITY**

The school district is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged cell phones. Students bring devices to school at their own risk and are responsible for complying with district policy which will prevent any separation from their telecommunication devices.

Any use of a telecommunication device that results in a significant behavioral violation of the district code of conduct may result in an administrator also issuing a 4th or 5th offense of the telecommunication policy.

By enforcing this policy, the Board of Education is complying with Kentucky Law and aims to create a focused learning environment that supports student achievement and well-being.

REFERENCES:

[KRS 158.165](#); [KRS 525.080](#)

RELATED POLICIES:

08.2323

09.426, 09.436, 09.438

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