Current Policy

Hickman County Board of Education

	Descriptor Term:	Descriptor Code:	Issued Date:
	Use of Personal Communication Devices and Electronic Devices	**6.312**	**05/01/23**
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Students in grades K-12 may possess personal communication devices and personal electronic devices while on school property. Such devices include, but are not limited to, wearable technology such as eye glasses, rings, or watches that have the capability to record, live stream, or interact with wireless technology; cell phones; laptops; pagers; tablets; and mp3 players.

For students in grades K-5, the device must be in the off mode and must be kept in a backpack, pocket, purse, or similar personal carry-all and may not be used during school hours without specific permission from the principal/designee.

For students in grades 6-12, principals/designees will determine appropriate times when such devices may be used.

At the direction of the teacher, and with the approval of the administration, students are encouraged to bring personal electronic devices to school that support learning. Use of devices must be aligned with the instruction taking place in a classroom.

At no time shall a student operate any device with video or picture taking capabilities in a locker room, classroom, bathroom, or other location where such operation may violate the privacy rights of another person. A student using a device outside these parameters shall be in violation of this policy and subject to disciplinary action.

The student who possesses any such device shall assume responsibility for its use and care. At no time shall the school be responsible for theft, loss or damage to devices that are brought on school property.

Model Policy Option

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Monitoring:	Descriptor Term:	Descriptor Code:	Issued Date:
Review: Annually, in March	**Use of Wireless Communication Devices**	**6.312**	
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General

Students may possess wireless communication devices so long as such devices are turned off and stored [**select option 1 "during instructional time" or option 2 "for the entirety of the school day"**]. Such 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, laptops, tablets, and gaming devices.

A student may, however, 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.[1]

PENALTIES

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 Skylert.[1]

Legal References	Cross References
1. Public Acts of 2025, Chapter No. 103	Code of Conduct 6.300

Model Policy Option 2

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General[1]

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 K-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.

PENALTIES

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.

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In the event of an emergency or possible emergency occurring at school, parent(s)/guardian(s) shall be alerted by Skylert.[1]

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