

Telecommunication Devices

TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICES DEFINED

Telecommunications devices are defined to include, but are not limited to, paging and portable music devices, cellular phones, cameras, and other similar electronic devices used to deliver communications.

POSSESSION AND USE

Devices shall not be used in a manner that disrupts the educational process, including, but not limited to, use that:

- a. Poses a threat to academic integrity, such as cheating;
- b. Violates confidentiality or privacy rights of another individual. This includes, but is not limited to, taking photographs, video, or audio recordings of others without the permission of the Principal/designee and the affected individual(s). An exception may be made for events considered to be in the public arena (e.g. sporting events, academic competitions, or performances to which the general public is admitted) where the activity does not materially disrupt the event, prevent others from observing the event, or otherwise violate legal rights. School social events for students, activities sponsored by student clubs, and activities during the school day that are not open to the public are not considered to be in the public arena;
- c. Is profane, indecent, or obscene;
- d. Constitutes or promotes illegal activity or activity in violation of school rules; or
- e. Constitutes or promotes sending, sharing, or possessing sexually explicit messages, photographs, or images using any electronic device.

These restrictions shall not be interpreted to prohibit material protected under the state or federal constitutions where such material does not otherwise materially or substantially disrupt the education process or intrude upon the rights of others.

Students are responsible for keeping up with devices they bring to school. The District shall not be responsible for loss, theft, or destruction of devices brought onto school property.

Students shall comply with any additional rules developed by the school concerning appropriate use of telecommunication or other electronic devices.

Students shall not utilize a telecommunication or similar electronic device in a manner that would violate the District's Acceptable Use policy or procedures or its Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A student in the Henderson County Schools, grades P-5, shall not use/display a telecommunications device while on school property during the regular school day unless 1) his/her school has been wired for BYOD; 2) the licensing process (DDL) for elementary students has been completed, and 3) the Principal/designee has granted permission.

Telecommunication Devices**MIDDLE SCHOOL**

A student in Henderson County Schools, grades 6 – 8, may use telecommunications devices during non-instructional times as defined by school policy, at the direction of instructional staff, and in compliance with AUP (Access to Electronic Media).

HIGH SCHOOL

A student in grades 9-12 may use telecommunication devices during non-instructional times as defined by school policy.

Unless an emergency situation exists that involves imminent physical danger or a certified employee authorizes the student to do otherwise, devices shall be turned on and operated only at the direction of instructional staff and in compliance with AUP (Access to Electronic Media).

~~When students violate prohibitions of this policy, they shall be subject to disciplinary action, including losing the privilege of bringing the device onto school property and being reported to their parent/guardian. A violation also may result in a report being made to law enforcement. In addition, an administrator may confiscate the device, which shall only be returned to the student's parent/guardian.~~

CONSEQUENCES

First Offense: In-house or out-of-school suspension and the parent may pick up the telecommunication device the next school day.

Second Offense: In-house or out-of-school suspension and the parent may pick up the telecommunication device the next school day.

Subsequent Offense: Severe disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, out-of-school suspension, short term placement or long term placement at Central Academy and the parent may pick up the telecommunication device the next school day.

Note: Telecommunication devices confiscated on a Friday may be picked up on Monday by a parent or guardian. Parents or guardians will need to contact the Principal to make arrangements if the telecommunication device is confiscated before holidays or breaks.

In addition to the consequences stated above, when students violate prohibitions of this policy, they shall be subject to disciplinary action, including losing the privilege of bringing the device onto school property and being reported to their parent/guardian. A violation also may result in a report being made to law enforcement. In addition, an administrator may confiscate the device, which shall only be returned to the student's parent/guardian.

NOTICE OF POLICY

Notice of this policy and penalties for violating it shall be published annually in the District's Code of Conduct handbook.

REFERENCE:

[KRS 158.165](#)

RELATED POLICIES:

08.2323
09.426, 09.436, 09.438

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