



The Board has adopted the following policy in order to promote a safe and focused learning environment that supports academic achievement and student well-being.

Ohio law requires schools to adopt a policy **prohibiting** student **use** and **possession** of cell phones on school property (or at school-sponsored activities) during school hours.

This policy applies to **cell phones** and **other electronic communication devices**, such as smartwatches, tablets, wireless headphones or ear buds that may be used in connection with prohibited devices, and personal computers not issued by the school.

Students may not carry such devices on their person (including in personal luggage items, like backpacks and purses) or store them in school property (such as lockers or desks).

Nothing in this policy prohibits a student from using a cell phone for a purpose documented in

- the student's individualized education program (Chapter 3323 of the Ohio Revised Code)
- a plan developed under section 504 of the "Rehabilitation Act of 1973," 29 U.S.C. 794
- the building's comprehensive emergency management plan (ORC 5502.262)
- written statement from a physician requiring such use to address a health concern.

Students choosing to bring their cell phone or other electronic communication device to school must surrender it to school personnel upon arrival to be labeled and placed in a secure location until the student comes to collect it at dismissal.

Students found in possession of a cell phone or other electronic device will be subject to the following progressive discipline model:

1. **First Offense** - confiscation by school personnel, a verbal warning, and parent/guardian notification and pick-up
 2. **Second Offense** - 1 Day Out-of-School Suspension
 3. **Third Offense** - 2 Days Out-of-School Suspension
 4. **Fourth Offense** - 3 Days Out-of-School Suspension
- And so on....

Please Complete and Return the Following: My student WILL or WILL NOT (circle one) be bringing a cell phone or other electronic communication device to school.

Student's Name _____ Grade Level/Teacher _____

I have read and agree to the Board policy on student cell phones at Washington Park.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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