

Cell Phone Policy Proposal

The Attorney General of Tennessee states that "a school has the authority to confiscate a cell phone when the cell phone has been determined to be an unauthorized item in the school rules." The disciplinary action is cumulative so that repeat or persistent violations of the policy result in enhanced disciplinary action. Further, a student's due process rights are ensured with notification of the cell phone policy.

Students may possess personal communication devices, such as cell phones, while on school property. However, the personal communication devices must be in the "off" mode and kept in a backpack, purse, or similar personal carry-all and may not be used during school hours. The principal or their designee may grant a student permission to use a personal communication device at his/her discretion. A device used outside these parameters shall result in confiscation of the device until such time as it may be released to the student's parent or guardian. A student in violation of this policy is subject to disciplinary action.

- **First Offense:** Confiscation of the phone or device to be picked up by a parent/guardian
- **Second Offense:** Confiscation of the phone or device to be held for a 5 day period then picked up by a parent/guardian
- **Third Offense:** Confiscation of the phone or device to be held for a 14 day period then picked up by a parent/guardian
- **Fourth Offense:** Confiscation of the phone or device to be held for a 30 day period then Picked up by a parent/guardian
- **Fifth Offense:** Confiscation of the phone or device to be held for the remainder of the school year then picked up by a parent/guardian

*Use of any device in an improper or illegal manner on school grounds such as (but not limited to), threatening texts or inappropriate pictures or videos, will result in the notification of the legal authorities (Administrator's discretion).