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LIMITED PURPOSE PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES PROCEDURE
STUDENTS IN GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE (9 – 12)
FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2012, THROUGH MAY 17, 2012

For the limited purpose of field testing the use of personal communication devices to enhance student learning, the Obion County Board of Education adopts the procedure set forth below for the period as indicated above. Except as set forth, Board Policy 6.312 remains in full force and effect.

For the limited time and purpose, students in grades 9 – 12 may possess personal communication devices, such as, but not limited to, cell phones, while on school property for student learning. A device used outside of established parameters shall result in confiscation of the device.

1. The taking of photos or the recording of videos, whether by cell phone or any other device, in places where privacy is a reasonable expectation is strictly prohibited. An incident of this nature could result in a sexual harassment violation.
2. Using cameras on cell phones or other devices to record altercations on school grounds or at school events is prohibited. In such cases, the devices may be confiscated as evidence.
3. Students are allowed to use cell phones and other devices in the classroom for educational purposes only and must be under the direct supervision of their teacher.
4. Students are allowed to use cell phones and other devices in the commons area/lunch room during morning and lunch breaks. Students may not use such devices during normal classroom breaks.
5. Under teacher direction, cell phones and other devices are to be placed on student desks, or other designated area, in the “off” or “quiet” mode at the beginning of each class period. If such device rings, vibrates, or causes disruption, the device shall be confiscated. Once placed in the designated area, the device shall remain there until the end of the class (*i.e.*, if the student must leave the classroom for any reason, the device must remain in the designated area).

Consequences for Procedure Violations

1. Violation of the above procedure will result in the student’s cell phone or other device being confiscated for seven (7) days.
2. Students may choose to have their cell phone or other device returned before the end of the seven (7) days by paying a twenty dollar (\$20), cash only, fine at the end of the school day in the main office.
3. An administrator will be contacted if the student refuses to give up the cell phone or other device for a violation or if a student turns in a “dummy” phone. The student’s insubordination will result in disciplinary action.