



METROPOLITAN
Nashville
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A student may possess a cellular telephone on school property during both after school activities and school-related functions. However, the cell phone must remain off (not on vibrate) and be concealed in a personal backpack or school locker during school hours and while on a school bus.

Possession of a cellular telephone by a student is a privilege. Phones will be forfeited by any student who fails to abide by the terms of this policy. A device used outside these parameters will result in confiscation of the device until such time as it may be released to the student's parent or guardian. A student in possession of a personal communication device in violation with this policy is subject to related disciplinary action.

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Revision History

May, 2002

June, 2004

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Review

Annually

First Offense:

- Phone will be confiscated.
- Parent conference required to retrieve phone

Second Offense:

- Phone will be confiscated
- In-School Suspension for up to three days
- Parent conference required to retrieve phone

Third Offense:

- Phone will be confiscated
- Out of School Suspension for up to three days
- Parent conference to enter into agreement banning phone for remainder of school year
- Students who return to school in violation of agreement (i.e. with phone) will be referred to discipline

Severe Clause:

Highly inappropriate activities, including but not limited to:

- Text messaging that contains inappropriate content, profanity, intimidation or threats to others.
- Cheating on tests
- Taking or showing inappropriate photographs
- Calling outside groups or individuals to participate in fights, retaliate, or participate in other inappropriate activities on the school grounds or at school related events.
- Refusal to relinquish phone to persons of authority upon request

Continue violation of offenses or violation of severe clause may result in suspension from school for up to 10 days and/or a referral to a Discipline Coordinator. The student in possession of a cell phone on school property or during school related events is responsible for its care.

References/Authority

Student Code of Conduct
TCA §49-2-203