

# Hamilton County Board of Education

Monitoring: <b>Review: Annually, in March</b>	Descriptor Term:  <b>Cell Phone Use</b>	Descriptor Code: <b>6.311</b>	Issued Date: <b>07/20/23</b>
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The increase in the use of cell phones and personal communication devices by students during the school day has become a significant distraction in the school environment and is impeding student learning. Accordingly, subject to the exceptions set forth in this policy, students may not use or possess cell phones or personal wireless communication devices while on campus during the regular school day.

TCA defines wireless communication devices as a portable wireless device that has the capacity to provide voice, messaging, or other data communication between two (2) or more parties.

A student may, however, be permitted to utilize a wireless communication device under the following circumstances:

1. In case of emergency;
2. When authorized by a teacher
3. To manage the student's health, as documented in the student's individual healthcare plan;
4. When the possession or use is required by the student's individual education program, 504 plan, or individual learning plan; or
5. When the device is being used by a student with a disability for the operation of assistive technology to increase, maintain, or improve the student's functional capabilities.

All staff will be informed if a student has an identified exception and will accommodate the student accordingly.

## **PENALTIES**

Consequences for cell phone violations will be issued in alignment with the HCS Code of Acceptable Behavior. The consequences for violating this cell phone policy may be in addition to any other violations of the HCS Code of Acceptable Behavior.

Wireless communication devices are brought to school at the student's own risk. School staff are not liable for lost or stolen cell phones and are not responsible for conducting any investigations regarding the loss of a student's electronic device.

## **EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION PLAN**

- 1 In the event of an emergency or possible emergency occurring at school, parent(s)/guardian(s) shall be  
2 alerted through electronic means at the contact information on record within the student information  
3 system.

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Legal References

1. [Public Acts of 2025, Chapter No. 103](#)

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Cross References

Code of Conduct 6.300