

# Cocke County Board of Education

Monitoring: <b>Review: Annually, in April</b>	Descriptor Term: <b>Use of Personal Communication Devices in School</b>	Descriptor Code: <b>6.312</b>	Issued Date: <b>07/11/24</b>
		Rescinds: <b>6.312</b>	Issued: <b>07/14/16</b>

1 Upon arrival on school grounds, students may possess a personal communication device with written  
 2 permission from their parents. This permission will be kept on file in the school office. The personal  
 3 communication device must be in the off mode and must be placed in a backpack, pocketbook or stored  
 4 out of sight until the end of the school day. The principal or designee may grant a student permission to  
 5 use the personal communication device at their discretion. Violation of this policy will result in the  
 6 confiscation of the device for seven (7) calendar days for the first offense and thirty (30) calendar days  
 7 for each offense thereafter. Should the device be confiscated within six (6) days before the end of the  
 8 school year, it will be returned on the last school day. The device will be subject to search.

9 If the 7th or 29th day occurs during a school break (Christmas or Spring Break, etc.), the phone will be  
 10 returned the first day school resumes.

11 School Administrators may allow students to complete after-school detention, not to exceed one hour  
 12 per day, in order for devices to be returned before the 7<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> day.

13 Any and all personal communication or electronic devices are not required, nor does the school assume  
 14 any responsibility should these items be lost, damaged, stolen or confiscated.

15 It is further the policy of the Cocke County Board of Education that the three paragraphs stated above  
 16 are the minimum requirements regarding the use of cell phones on school grounds during instructional  
 17 time. Individual schools are free to adopt more restrictive policies than written above so long as the  
 18 same are submitted to and approved by the Cocke County Board of Education.