

Cumberland County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in July	Descriptor Term: Use of Personal Communication Devices and Electronic Devices	Descriptor Code: 6.312	Issued Date: 02/22/24
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1 *General*

2 Students may possess personal communication devices and personal electronic devices so long as such
3 devices are turned off and stored in school approved storage systems upon arrival to school through the
4 entirety of the school day. Devices should be off and concealed until they can be stored in a school
5 approved storage system. Such devices include, but are not limited to, any portable wireless device that
6 has the capability to provide voice, messaging, or other data communication between two (2) or more
7 parties, such as wearable technology, cell phones, laptops, tablets, gaming devices, watches, glasses,
8 air buds, and headphones.

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

- 11 1. In case of emergency;
- 12 2. When authorized by a teacher for educational purposes;
- 13 3. To manage the student's health, as documented in the student's individual healthcare plan;
- 14 4. When the possession or use is required by the student's individualized education program,
15 504 plan, or individual learning plan; or
- 16 5. When the device is being used by a student with a disability for the operation of assistive
17 technology to increase, maintain, or improve the student's functional capabilities.

18 **EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION PLAN**

19 In the event of an emergency or possible emergency occurring at the school,
20 parent(s)/guardian(s) shall be alerted by Parent Square¹.

21 **PENALTIES**

22 Unauthorized use or improper storage of a device will result in confiscation of device until such a time
23 as it may be released. A student in violation of this policy is subject to disciplinary action.

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25 **1ST OFFENSE:** Device is collected, the offense is documented, parent/guardian is notified, device is
26 returned to the student at the end of the day, and an explanation of the next offense is communicated to
27 student and parent/guardian.

28 **2ND OFFENSE:** Device is collected, the offense is documented, parent/guardian is notified,
29 parent/guardian must pick up the device from the office, student is assigned after school

1 detention/lunch detentions, and an explanation of the next offense is communicated to student and
2 parent/guardian.

3 **3RD OFFENSE:** Device is collected, the offense is documented, parent/guardian is notified,
4 parent/guardian must pick up device from the office, student is assigned after school detentions/lunch
5 detentions, an explanation of the next offense is communicated to student and parent/guardian, and the
6 student is required to turn in their device(s) to the office upon arrival each day and may retrieve
7 device(s) at the end of the school day for the remainder of the school year.

8 **Additional OFFENSES:** Device is collected, the offense is documented, parent is notified,
9 parent/guardian must pick up device from the office, parent and student conference, possible
10 consequences include but are not limited to: detentions/lunch detentions/ISS/Out of School
11 Suspension/ATS/ALT School and student is required to turn in their device(s) to the office upon
12 arrival each day and may retrieve device(s) at the end of the school day for the remainder of the school
13 year.

Legal References

1. Public Acts of 2025, Chapter No. 103

Cross References

Code of Conduct 6.300