

CHAPTER 5.00 – STUDENTS

STUDENT USE OF CELLULAR TELEPHONES AND OTHER WIRELESS COMMUNICATION/ELECTRONIC DEVICES **5.37***

Personally owned cellular telephones and other wireless communication devices may be brought to school with the following conditions applying:

- (1) Such devices must be turned off during school hours. (Student arrival on campus until the end of the last instructional period). In addition, wireless communication devices must be turned off while students are transported to and from school on the regular school bus route.
- (2) If emergency calls to or from students are necessary they should be placed through the school office and not to or from the student's telephone.
- (3) Personal cellular telephones and other wireless communication devices should be kept secure to prevent theft (vehicles, purses, backpacks, lockers, etc.) Schools will not be responsible for lost, stolen or damaged wireless communication devices.

Any personally owned electronic device capable of audio and/or video play back **may not** be brought to school unless authorized by the school principal.

Violation of these provisions shall result in the confiscation of the personal cellular telephone or other wireless communication/electronic devices and its return to the parent, as defined by Florida Statutes. Any distraction or use of wireless communication/electronic devices may result in disciplinary action. If the student is of majority age then he/she may be prohibited from possessing a cellular phone or other wireless communication/electronic devices on campus.

The use of personal cellular telephones or other wireless communication/electronic devices at school events shall not be limited by this policy; however, the principal shall have full authority to promulgate rules that implement all provisions herein.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

1001.41; 1001.42, F.S.

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