

Section: J-Students**Code: JCDBC** (*Suggested*)**Title: Student Personal Electronic Communication Devices Policy (Cell Phone Policy)**

The Board of Education adopts this policy to comply with Kansas law prohibiting student use of or accessing personal electronic communication devices during the school day on school premises except for district virtual schools and exceptions permitted in this policy and/or by state law.

Definitions

1. **Personal Electronic Communication Device (PECD):** Any wireless electronic communication device that provides for voice, text, or video communication between two or more parties. This includes, but is not limited to, mobile or cellular phones, tablets, computers, watches, wireless headphones or earbuds, text messaging devices, or personal digital assistants. Exclusions: Devices owned by the school district or issued to students by the school district.
2. **School Day:** The time from the start of school until dismissal at the end of the day on school premises. This includes all classrooms, structured or unstructured learning settings, recess, lunch, and passing periods.
3. **Intervention of Last Resort:** No other reasonable alternative option is available.

Storage Requirements

All PECDs must be turned off and securely stored away from the student's person in an inaccessible location during the entire school day. Specific storage procedures will be established at each building level.

Option Not to Bring Devices

Students may choose not to bring PECDs to school by leaving them at a house or in a vehicle (including if the vehicle is parked on school premises).

Limited Exceptions for Use

A student may use a PECD during the School Day only if both of the following conditions are satisfied:

1. The use is: Required for the implementation of the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 plan; or
Approved in writing by a licensed physician as a medical necessity to support the student's health or well-being.
2. Device use is an Intervention of Last Resort.

All exceptions require prior written approval from the building principal (or designee) and must be documented.

Communication with Parents/Guardians

Students needing to contact a parent or person acting as parent during the school day may use a school-designated telephone or other communications device which shall be made available by the school for this purpose.

Off-Premises Learning Experiences

This policy does not apply to travel to or from learning experiences located off school premises, including postsecondary courses, career technical education, work-based learning programs, or other alternative educational opportunities.

School-Sponsored Activities Outside the School Day

The Board may adopt event specific rules and/or additional rules limiting or prohibiting PECD use during school-sponsored activities or events that occur outside the regular school day.

Enforcement and Discipline

- Building administrators shall develop clear enforcement procedures and a progressive disciplinary matrix for violations.
- Possible consequences include confiscation of the device (returned to the student or parent at the end of the day or per procedure), warnings, detention, suspension, or other disciplinary actions consistent with the district's student conduct policies.
- Repeated or willful violations may result in more severe consequences, up to and including long-term suspension or expulsion.
- The district, its employees, and agents shall not be liable for any damage to, loss of, or storage issues related to PECDs brought to school.

Implementation

- This policy applies to all school district buildings and programs except virtual schools as defined in K.S.A. 72-3712.
- Implementation of policies and procedures shall be applied in a nondiscriminatory manner and shall not interfere with the rights provided under and IEP, 504 plan, or applicable law.
- District administrative regulations and building-level procedures shall be developed by the superintendent (or designee) to support consistent implementation of policies and procedures.
- On or before September 1, 2026, the Board will certify compliance with this policy to the Kansas State Board of Education as required by law.

Reference(s): K.S.A. 72-7114 and K.S.A. 72-5170.

Adopted: [Insert Date]