Black Mountain Elementary
Council Policy

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POLICY TOPIC DESCRIPTION
Cell Phones

POLICY STATEMENT

Possession and Use while on school property or while attending school-sponsored or school related activities, whether on or off school property, students shall be permitted to possess and use personal telecommunications devices as defined by law, and other related electronic devices, provided they observe the following conditions:

1. Devices shall not be used in a manner that disrupts the educational process, including, but not limited to, posing a threat to academic integrity or violating confidentiality or privacy rights of another individual. Unless an emergency situation exists that involves imminent physical danger or a certified employee authorizes the students to do otherwise, devices shall be turned on and operated only before and after the regular school day. When students violate this prohibition, they shall be subject to disciplinary action. Including losing the privilege of bringing the device onto school property. In addition, an administrator may confiscate the device, which shall only be returned to the student's parent/guardian.
2. Students are responsible for keeping up with devices they bring to school. The District shall not be responsible for loss, theft, or destruction of devices brought onto school property.
3. Students shall comply with any additional rules developed by the school concerning appropriate use of telecommunication or other electronic devices.
4. Students shall not utilize a telecommunication or similar electronic device in a manner that would violate the District's acceptable use policy or procedures or its code OD acceptable behavior and discipline. Violation would include, but not be limited to, taking unauthorized pictures or videos of students/staff capturing pictures or videos without an individual's knowledge or consent, passing pictures or videos to others, exposing the identity of a minor, using pictures or videos to ridicule, embarrass, or degrade an individual, or posting pictures or video on the internet. No matter the time, activity, or location on school property.

Cell Phone Discipline: The Harlan County code of Conduct states that the unauthorized use of any type of telecommunication device or similar electronic device by a student on school grounds during instructional time is prohibited. At Black Mountain Elementary, Students are not allowed to use their cell phones at any time during the school day which begins at 7; 40 a.m. and ends at 2:40 pm. If a cell phone is seen or heard by a teacher during the school day the following disciplinary action will be taken.

First Offense: The phone will be confiscated by the teacher or staff member who hears or sees the phone and will be given to an administrator or designee. A parent must pic the phone up from school. When the parent/guardian pics the phone up, he or she will sign a statement and /or receive notification that indicates that if the phone is confiscated again, the student will lose the privilege of bringing a cell phone on school property.

Second offends. The phone will be confiscated by the teacher or staff member who hears or sees the phone and will be given to an administrator or designee. A parent must pick the phone up from school. When the parent/guardian picks the phone up, he or she will sign a statement and /or receive notification that indicates that the student is now banned from having a cell phone on school property. If a violation of the cell phone ban occurs, it will result in school disciplinary action including, but not limited to suspension.

Any additional offenses: the Phone will be confiscated by the teacher or staff member who hears or sees the phone and will be given to an administrator or designee. The parent/guardian will be required to pick up the phone and additional disciplinary actions will be implemented. Special rewards regarding cell phones will be permitted at eh principals approval.

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