ELECTRONIC DEVICES INCLUDING CELL PHONES

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 when the student enters a building. (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** from the student's cell phone, unless authorized.
3. Personal cellular telephones and other wireless communication devices cannot be visible and should be kept secure to prevent theft (vehicles, purses, backpacks, lockers, etc.) Schools will not be responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged communication devices.
4. Personal cellular telephones and other wireless communication devices are not allowed for use during instructional time. Instructional time is defined as direct teacher instruction and/or student engagement in learning activities.
5. Individual teachers may provide additional specifications on location of cell phones during their class time.

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 device 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 implement all provisions herein.