

**Wireless Communication Devices (WCD) Guidelines**  
**School Board Policy 5136**

A student may possess a wireless communications device (WCD) while the student is on school property or at a school function; however, students may not use a wireless communications device during the school day. All wireless communication devices must be either powered off or placed into vibrate/silence mode and stored out of sight during the school day. The school day is defined as the first morning bell to the last dismissal bell. At Hoover, the first morning bell is at 9:00 am, and the last dismissal bell is at 4:15 pm Monday—Thursday and 3:15 pm on Friday.

Students may not use WCDs on school property or at a school-sponsored activity to access and/or view Internet websites at school. The use of a WCD for any purpose including but not limited to recording staff and/or students without their permission or knowledge or recording fights and/or sharing non-academic related content is strictly prohibited.

Students may use WCDs while riding to and from school on a school bus or other Board-provided vehicles or on a school bus or Board-provided vehicle during school-sponsored activities at the discretion of the bus driver, classroom teacher, or sponsor/advisor/coach. Distracting behavior that creates an unsafe environment will not be tolerated.

Violations of these guidelines will result in confiscation of the wireless communication device.

**Minor Wireless Communications Device Violations**

| Behavior (Level 1)   | 1st Offense<br>Resultant Action   | 2nd Offense<br>Resultant Action  | 3rd Offense<br>Resultant Action   |
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| Electronic/<br>Telecommunication<br>Device<br>Misuse—Minor (075) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Discipline referral in Focus</li> <li>· Confiscation of Wireless Communication Device (WCD) (student may pick up at end of day)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Discipline referral in Focus</li> <li>· Confiscation of WCD (parent/legal guardian must pick up)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Discipline referral in Focus</li> <li>· Confiscation of WCD (parent/legal guardian must pick up)</li> <li>· 3 days Out-of-School Suspension (OSS)</li> </ul> |

- Parent/legal guardian contact is required for each cell phone offense.
- Any violation beyond the 1st offense will result in the parent/legal guardian being required to pick up the cell phone from the school.
- Any violation beyond a 3rd offense may result in an Out-of-School Suspension, up to 10 days, pending possible placement in an alternative educational setting.

## Major Wireless Communication Device Violations

**Level 3 Secondary** (This is not a complete list of possible violations)

| The following violations are serious offenses and <i><b>will not be tolerated</b></i> in Brevard Public Schools:  | Resultant Action  |
|---|---|
| Capturing and/or recording fights or similar events and/or posting recording and/or images<br>(Electronic/Telecommunication Device Misuse - Major (073))  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Discipline referral in Focus</li> <li>· Confiscation of WCD (parent/legal guardian must pick up)</li> <li>· Parent/Legal Guardian contact is required</li> <li>· The student may be assigned an Out-of-School Suspension (OSS) for up to 5 days</li> </ul> |
| Capturing, recording, or transmitting (sending or posting) images and/or video of any student or staff member without consent (Electronic/Telecommunication Device Misuse -Major (073))                             |   |
| Capturing, recording, or transmitting any unauthorized audio, video, or photograph(s) that can be used to degrade, threaten, intimidate, or dehumanize.<br>(Electronic/Telecommunication Device Misuse—Major (073)) |   |

Note: The principal will refer the matter to law enforcement if the violation involves illegal activity.