



SCHOOL-BASED DECISION MAKING

School Name: JCTMS

Subject of the Policy: Cell Phone/Telecommunication Devices

Purpose: To ensure a focused and productive learning environment, the use of cell phones during instructional time is strictly prohibited, except in cases of emergency or a medical necessity.

Definition: Personal telecommunication device is defined in KRS 158.165 and includes, but is not limited to, cellular telephones, personal tablets, pagers, walkie-talkies, headphones; MP3 players, and video gaming systems. The restrictions for student use of a cell phone in a school-based cell phone policy required by this policy and Administrative Procedure 09.4261 AP.3 shall apply to all student use of any personal telecommunications device.

Policy:

- **Prohibited Use:**

- Students are not allowed to use cell phones during the school day between 7:28-2:10.
- Cell phones (including smart watches) must be turned off or set to silent mode and stored in student lockers.

- **Exceptions:**

- Exceptions as outlined in JCPS Board policy 09.4261 Telecommunication Devices.

- **Consequences:**

- When a student violates the prohibitions of the school-based cell phone policy required under this policy and Administrative Procedure 09.4261 AP.3, the student shall be subject to interventions and consequences set forth in the *Student Support and Behavior Intervention Handbook (SSBIH)*, including but not limited to losing the privilege of bringing the cell phone onto school property and being reported to the student's parent/guardian.

- **Responsibility:**

- Students are responsible for ensuring their cell phones are turned off or set to silent mode and stored in their locker during the school day.



- Students are responsible for following the District's *Student Acceptable Use Policy*.
- **Communication:**
 - This policy will be communicated to students and parents at the beginning of the school year and will be included in the student/school handbook.

Review:

- This policy will be reviewed annually and updated as needed to ensure it remains effective and relevant. This review may investigate the overall fidelity of implementation; changes to the amount of cell phone use by students; and the impact on behavior referrals, school culture, and student access to learning.

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Date Reviewed:

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