

## WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES GUIDELINES (School Board policy 5136)

**All Grade Levels:** While students may possess WCDs in school, on school property, during after school activities (e.g., extra-curricular activities), and at school-related functions, all WCDs must be either must be powered completely off or placed into vibrate/silent mode) and stored out of sight during school hours.

- **When authorized and approved by the site principal**, students may use WCDs before and after school, during their lunch break, in between classes, during after school activities (e.g., extra-curricular activities), and at school related functions, as long as they do not create a distraction, disruption, or otherwise interfere with the educational environment.

Technology including, but not limited to, WCDs, intended and used for instructional purposes (e.g., taking notes, recording classroom lectures, writing papers) will be permitted, as approved by the principal. However, the use of a WCD to engage in non-education-related communications is expressly prohibited. Students may not use WCDs on school property or at a school-sponsored activity to access and/or view Internet websites that are otherwise blocked to students at school. The use of a WCD for non-educational purposes including but not limited to recording staff and/or students without their permission or knowledge or recording fights and/or sharing nonacademic 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 may result in confiscation of the wireless communication device (WCD) or electronic device.**

Minor Wireless Communication Device Misuse	Corrective Actions for Minor Wireless Comm. Device Misuse
1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A discipline referral submitted in Focus.</li><li>• Confiscation of WCD (parent/guardian must pick up)</li><li>• Parent/legal guardian contact is required.</li></ul>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A discipline referral submitted in Focus.</li><li>• Confiscation of WCD (parent/guardian must pick up)</li><li>• Parent/legal guardian contact is required.</li></ul>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A discipline referral submitted in Focus.</li><li>• Confiscation of WCD (Parent/legal guardian pick up)</li><li>• Parent/Legal Guardian contact is required.</li><li>• Loss of cellphone privileges</li><li>• Student may be assigned other corrective strategies according to the Code of Student Conduct.</li></ul>

Any violation beyond a 3<sup>rd</sup> offense may result in an out of school suspension, up to a 10-day suspension pending possible placement in an alternative setting.

**Major Wireless Communication Device Violations** (This is not a complete list of possible violations)

The following violations are serious offenses and **will not be tolerated** in Brevard Public Schools.

Capturing and/or recording fights or similar events and/or posting recording and/or images (Inciting 059)

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. (Electronic/Telecommunication Device Misuse -Major (073))

- A discipline referral submitted in Focus.
- Confiscation of WCD
- Parent/Legal Guardian contact is required.
- The student may be assigned an out of school suspension up to 5 days (level 3).