

Student Possession and Use of Electronic Equipment

The Board of Education for the School District of Johnson Creek believes that student possession and use of personal electronic devices, equipment or cell phones can be disruptive in the educational environment. Students who bring any personal electronic devices, equipment or cell phones to school must store such items in their locker or in the school office during the school day, or if in their possession, must be turned off. Exceptions to this policy may be made for purpose of safety or medical necessity, with such being requested in writing by a licensed physician. The district shall not be responsible for the safety or security of personal electronic devices, equipment or cell phones that students bring to school.

Students are prohibited from possessing or bringing laser pointers onto school premises at all times.

Due to recent acts of violence in schools and parental concerns about student safety, the School District of Johnson Creek shall allow students to possess cellular telephones during the school day on school premises and at school sponsored activities under the following conditions:

1. Students who bring cellular telephones to school are responsible for keeping their telephones turned off and out of sight during the school day, which includes the full period of time between the beginning of the first class and the end of the last class of the school day, unless there is an emergency situation that jeopardizes the safety of students or staff or a licensed physician has indicated in writing a medical necessity. An exception to this is junior and senior high school students will be allowed to use their phones during their lunch period but not in the elementary school.
2. Students shall not turn on or use cellular telephones while being transported to and from or during school or school-sponsored activities or field trips, unless they receive permission from the supervising teacher, coach or bus driver or there is an emergency situation that jeopardizes the safety of students, staff, chaperones or the bus driver.
3. Any parent/guardian who wants his/her junior or high school child to use a cellular telephone at an unauthorized time may submit a request to the student's principal, explaining the reasons for the unauthorized use. The Principal's decision shall be final.

Violation of this policy may result in confiscation of the electronic device, equipment or cell phone from the student. Confiscated devices, equipment or cell phones may be returned after a conference at the school site is held between the student and principal. Again, the district shall not be responsible for any damage or loss of those items on school premises.

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