

FLORENCE 3 SCHOOL DISTRICT

A PREMIER DISTRICT OF CHOICE



*Ensuring Our Students Are College and/or Career Ready and
Are Productive and Responsible Members of Society*

2nd Reading - JICJ

- **JICJ - PROHIBITION OF PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY**

The purpose of this policy is to create a phone-free school environment that fosters a positive learning experience free from electronic distractions. By prohibiting the use of personal electronic devices during the school day, this policy aims to provide an environment that enhances focus and engagement, allowing students to develop the college and career-ready skills outlined in the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate. Students will have more opportunities to engage in meaningful interactions, collaborate with peers, and cultivate the essential skills necessary for success in college, careers, and life.

- Definitions
 - Personal electronic device
 - Personal electronic device accessories
 - School day
 - Authorized for classroom use

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- A. During the school day, students are prohibited from accessing their personal electronic devices, unless authorized for classroom use. Students may not wear or access device accessories during the school day. Students must store their devices and device accessories in lockers, backpacks, or otherwise as directed by the school district during the school day. Districts may forbid student possession of devices and device accessories on school property.
- B. If explicitly required by a student's IEP, Medical Plan, or 504 plan, the student shall be allowed to access their personal electronic device for medically or educationally necessary purposes described and required for administration of the IEP, Medical Plan or 504 plan.
- C. A student who is a member of a volunteer firefighting organization or emergency organization may be authorized to carry a device with written permission from the District Superintendent or his/her designee.
- D. If a student violates the preceding rules during the school day, the student will be subject to progressive consequences in the student code of conduct and disciplinary enforcement procedures.

Policy Removal

- Remove JCDAG – Cell Phones/Technology and Communication Devices

Admin Rule- JICJ

- Consequences:
 - **First Offense** – Student warning: parent conference with administrator; device will be confiscated and returned at conference in which parent and student signs a memorandum of understanding outlining policy.
 - **Second Offense** – Device will be confiscated for a total of five days; parent conference with an administrator in which parent and student will sign a memorandum of understanding outlining policy.

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- Consequences:
 - **Third Offense** – Device will be confiscated for a total of 30 days; parent conference with an administrator in which the parent and student will sign a memorandum of understanding outlining policy.
 - **Fourth Offense and beyond**– Device will be confiscated for the remainder of the school.
 - **Note:** Although the district will take appropriate steps to safeguard all devices that are confiscated, the district will not be responsible for lost, stolen or damaged devices.