

Agenda Item #:

ITEM TYPE: Discussion
(Action, Discussion, Report)

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

TITLE: Proposed Revisions to Board Policy JICJ: Portable Electronic Devices

DATE: April 10, 2019

OVERVIEW: During this past school year, the Department of Elementary Schools surveyed elementary school administrators, teachers, and parents of students in grades 3-5 to collect feedback on the existing Bring Your Own Device regulations of the Portable Electronic Devices policy. In addition, the Board-appointed Teacher Advisory Council gave feedback on the state of devices, particularly cell phones, in all schools.

Based on all of the feedback, the following revisions are being proposed to Board Policy JICJ, as well as to its accompanying administrative regulations:

1. In all elementary schools, while portable electronic devices (e.g., cell phones) may be brought to school, they must be silenced and stored out of sight upon entry to the school until exit from the school;
2. In all middle and high schools, devices must be silenced and stored out of sight while in classrooms, the media center, the gymnasium, restrooms, and locker rooms for the entire school day; however, students may use their devices before school, after school, in the hallways during class changes, and during lunch in a non-disruptive manner, unless otherwise directed by a school administrator;
3. Middle and high school teachers have the authority to make exceptions to allow for students to use their devices for instructional purposes within the confines of the classroom; and
4. Administrative Regulations 2 of 2 regarding the use of devices by adults in the school building have been moved to the Human Resources Procedures Manual.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN:

Objective I.i: Students exit CCPS college, career, and community ready.
Objective IV.v: CCPS maintains modern schools, facilities, and resources that support the educational program.

FISCAL IMPACT: No additional impact

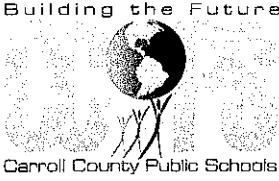
RECOMMENDATION/FUTURE DIRECTION: Will return at the May 8, 2019 Board meeting for action

Submitted by:

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Approve/Concur:

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|  | Students Portable Electronic Devices | Policy # | JICJ |
| | | Implemented | November 20, 1974 |
| | | Reviewed/Updated | January 9, 1980 February 5, 1992 August 10, 2005 May 14, 2014 April 10, 2019 |
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| Policy Owner | Assistant Superintendent of Instruction | Expiration/Review | Review: Every three years |

Policy

1. Purpose

To establish a uniform, county-wide policy that allows for the acceptable and responsible use of portable electronic devices in schools.

2. Definitions

Portable Electronic Device- any non-stationary electronic apparatus with singular or multiple capabilities of recording, storing, processing, and/or transmitting data, video, photographic images, and/or voice emanations (E.G., CELL PHONES)

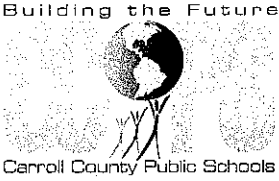
SCHOOL DAY- BEGINS WITH THE FIRST MORNING BELL AND ENDS WITH THE DISMISSAL BELL

3. Policy Statement

The Board of Education recognizes that the use of personally owned portable electronic devices plays a beneficial role in the educational process. Carroll County Public Schools allows for the use of portable electronic devices owned by adults and students during the school day when used within established guidelines. VALUES INSTRUCTIONAL TIME AND SEEKS TO CREATE A FOCUSED EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT WHERE DISTRACTIONS ARE MINIMIZED AND LEARNING IS MAXIMIZED. CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNICATION, COLLABORATION, AND RESEARCH IN THE LEARNING PROCESS. INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY DEVICES ARE POWERFUL TOOLS THAT TEACHERS CAN INCORPORATE INTO THEIR LESSONS TO HELP DEEPEN STUDENT LEARNING. IT IS THE POLICY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION THAT SCHOOLS SHALL PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY DEVICES NEEDED FOR STUDENTS TO COMPLETE ASSIGNMENTS. FURTHERMORE, WHILE PERSONALLY OWNED PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICES (E.G., CELL PHONES) MAY BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL, THEY SHOULD BE SILENCED AND STORED DURING THE SCHOOL DAY ACCORDING TO THE ACCOMPANYING ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS TO MINIMIZE DISTRACTIONS TO THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.

4. Guidelines

The acceptable and responsible use of portable electronic devices is described in the administrative regulations for this policy.

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5. Delegation of Authority

The Superintendent/designee has the responsibility for enforcing this policy and regulations by communicating it to all relevant parties and by providing necessary instructions and/or administrative regulations to all staff members.