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## **ELECTRONIC TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES**

No student, unless authorized by the school principal or his/her designee, shall use or operate any electronic telecommunication device, including any facsimile system, radio paging system, mobile telephone system, intercom, or electromechanical paging device in any elementary, middle, or secondary school building or on the grounds during the instructional day or in any school bus used to transport public school students. A violation of these provisions may be grounds for disciplinary action, including but not limited, to suspension from school.

Cell phones and all other telecommunication devices must be turned off, stowed away, out of sight and not used during the instructional day or while riding a school bus. For the purpose of this policy, the instructional day will be defined to be the time students arrive on campus in the morning till the time they are officially dismissed in the afternoon. On field trips, telecommunication devices may be possessed/used at the discretion of the Principal or his/her designee.

"Use/Turned On" shall result in:

First offense:

- a one day in school suspension
- confiscation of the cell phone

Second offense:

- two day suspension
- confiscation of the cell phone

Third offense:

- a three day suspension
- confiscation of the cell phone

Fourth offense:

- shall result in a recommendation of an expulsion hearing



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"Visible possession" shall result in:

First offense:

- a one day ISI
- confiscation of the phone

Second offense:

- a one day suspension
- confiscation of the phone

Third offense:

- a two day suspension
- confiscation of the phone

Fourth offense:

- may result in a recommendation of an expulsion hearing

This section will be placed in the Code of Conduct for Elementary Students

Use of cell phones by an elementary student shall result in:

- Confiscation of the cell phone and parent called.
- Option to use ISI for repeat offenders.

All confiscated phones shall be returned to a parent or guardian when a request has been made and a release form provided by the school has been signed. Parents must sign the release form in person.

Ref: La. Rev. Stat. Ann. "17:239, 17:416, 17:416.1