

# Lauderdale County Board of Education

## Cellular Device Policy

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The Lauderdale County Board of Education considers the health and safety of our students a top priority of our system. Effective August 1, 2022, Pre-K through 12th-grade students will **NOT** be allowed to **USE** any type of cellular device on campus upon arrival for the academic school day through departure at 3:00 pm.

**Usage of a cellular device (cell phones, wearables, and other communication devices) can include but not be limited to the following:**

- Social Media
- Video
- Pictures
- Phone Calls
- Texts
- Academic Dishonesty

Usage of a cellular device will include an investigation by an administrator to determine if the intention was threatening or inappropriate communication. Video and social media usage will not be permitted. Administrators' discretion will be used when examining the intent of usage.

### **Medical Usage**

Any student needing a device for medical purposes will need to present the device and information to the local school principal and school nurse for approval. The device will be used strictly for intended medical purposes.

This policy will be in place from the time of arrival on campus until 3:00 pm.

**The Lauderdale County Board of Education or any employee involved will not be held responsible for any lost or stolen devices.**

**LAUDERDALE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Cellular Device Disciplinary Actions for Pre-K through 12th**  
**Effective August 1, 2022**

**1<sup>st</sup> Offense**

3 Days of In-School Suspension.

The device is held in the office

The parent/guardian must come get the device as soon as possible.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offense**

2 Days Out of School Suspension- Students will receive a “0” for any grades taken during the time of Out-of-school suspension.

The device is held in the office.

The parent/guardian must come get the device as soon as possible and meet with an administrator to discuss future offenses in detail.

The student will not be allowed to participate in any extracurricular activities during the time of suspension.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Offense**

4 Days Out of School Suspension- Students will receive a “0” for any grades taken during the time of Out-of-school suspension.

The device is held in the office.

The parent/guardian must come get the device as soon as possible.

The student will not be allowed to participate in any extracurricular activities during the time of suspension.

**4<sup>th</sup> Offense**

10 Days Out of School Suspension pending a Board Hearing- Students will receive a “0” for any grades taken during the out-of-school suspension time period

Information and cellular device will be turned over to the Lauderdale County Assistant District Attorney's (DA) office.

The parent/guardian will retrieve the device from the Lauderdale County Assistant DA's office.

All violations of the LCSS Cellular Device Usage Policy will be considered cumulative for individual students in grades 7-12. Grades 4th through 6th will also be considered cumulative and Pre-K through 3rd graded handled on a case-by-case basis.

**Students caught producing, videoing, and disseminating questionable/illegal materials with their cell phones will have their devices given to law enforcement officials to determine if charges are warranted.**

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