

## **STUDENTS**

## **Policy 2656**

### **Discipline**

#### **Cellular Phones, Beepers, and Mobile Communication Devices**

Developments in technology in recent years have resulted in enhanced communication opportunities. However, the use of electronic devices (examples include cellular phones, beeper, Walkman, laser pointer, and other mobile communication device/electronic device) in schools poses increasing risks of school disruptions, bullying, criminal activity, and academic dishonesty. As a result, such electronic devices will be banned during the instructional day, as well as, in dressing areas during extracurricular activities.

The Knox County R-I School District is vitally interested in ensuring that its schools present an educational environment that is suitable for learning and free from unnecessary distractions that interfere with the learning process. The district recognizes that student's possession and/or use of such items as cellular phones, beepers, and other mobile communication devices can interfere with this learning process. Cell phones with advanced features (picture phones, text messaging, etc) are prohibited from being used in any manner that can be potentially embarrassing or disrespectful towards staff or students.

Consequences for students using electronic devices, including cell phones, during instructional time will be determined by individual building handbooks approved by the board of education each year.

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