<u>Policy</u> 2656 **STUDENTS**

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 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 electronic communication devices can interfere with this learning process. Cell phones 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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