

On Monday, November 21, 2022 the Mecklenburg County Public School Board voted to revise the Secondary STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT with regard to CELL PHONES and ELECTRONIC DEVICES (middle school handbook - page 29; high school handbook - page 41). Please note the revisions in blue:

CELL PHONES and ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Students may not use personal electronic devices, such as cell phones, game systems, VR devices, cellular enabled watches, etc., during the school day. Each secondary school classroom has a cellphone caddy into which all devices may be placed upon entry into classrooms. Students may not use their devices at any time during the school day.

If a student is observed using their device during the school day, that device is to be confiscated and may only be returned to the student’s parent or guardian. Repeated confiscation of personal electronic devices are subject to progressive disciplinary action.

Any student, who uses a cellular telephone or other personal device for unlawful activity while on school property, or while attending any school function or activity, will be subject to disciplinary action that may include out-of-school suspension or a recommendation for expulsion. Mecklenburg County Public Schools is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged personal cellular telephones or other personal electronic devices.

*** Revision/Additions:**

Consequences for the Use of Cell Phones and/or Electronic Devices During School	
First Offense	Device confiscated* until end of day-returned to student, written warning, and parent/guardian contacted.
Second Offense	Device confiscated* until parent/guardian picks it up, and parent/guardian contacted.
Third Offense	Device confiscated* until parent picks it up, In-School Suspension, and parent/guardian contacted.
Fourth and Subsequent Offenses	Device confiscated* until parent/guardian picks it up, an out of school suspension for insubordination, and parent/guardian contacted.

Additionally, students using a personal cell phone or other electronic devices to record or take photographs (first offense) without administrator’s permission is prohibited and will result in confiscation* of the device, an out of school suspension, and parent/guardian contact.

**Generally, an administrator will confiscate the item, not the teacher – unless the situation warrants it.*

This revision will go into effect on Monday, November 28, 2022.