

Johnson City ISD Student Cell Phone and Personal Communication Device Guidelines

Cell phones and other personal communication devices must be “off and away” and stored in the student’s backpack/bag/locker during the instructional day; devices are not to be kept on their person.

1st Offense

- Cell phones, smartwatches, wireless headphones, and earbuds will be stored in the principal’s office for the day, and the parent or guardian will be notified.
- A warning will be issued to both the student and the parent or guardian about further consequences for failing to comply with the cell phone, smartwatch, and wireless headphones and earbuds-free policy.
- Student and parent/guardian must complete a behavior contract to confirm their understanding and future adherence to the policy.
- Only the parent or guardian is permitted to pick up the cell phone, smartwatch, wireless headphones, and earbuds; students are not allowed to retrieve their own devices.

2nd Offense

- Cell phones, smartwatches, wireless headphones, and earbuds will be stored in the principal’s office for the day, and the parent or guardian will be notified.
- Only the parent or guardian is permitted to pick up the cell phone, smartwatch, wireless headphones, and earbuds; students are not allowed to retrieve their own devices.
- The student will be assigned 1 day of in-school suspension (ISS).

3rd Offense

- Cell phones, smartwatches, wireless headphones, and earbuds will be stored in the principal’s office for the day, and the parent or guardian will be notified.
- Only the parent or guardian is permitted to pick up the cell phone, smartwatch, wireless headphones, and earbuds; students are not allowed to retrieve their own devices.
- The student will be assigned 3 days of in-school suspension (ISS).
- The student will be required to turn their device into the principal’s office for the next 5 consecutive school days. The student will be allowed to retrieve their own device at the end of each school day.

4th Offense

- The 4th offense will be considered insubordination for refusing to comply with school rules and guidelines related to cell phone, smartwatch, wireless headphones, and earbuds use. This will be treated as a serious offense according to the JCISD Student Code of Conduct, and consequences will be issued accordingly.

Johnson City ISD Student Cell Phone and Personal Communication Device Behavior Contract

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ Date: _____

Policy Summary:

- All cell phones, smartwatches, wireless headphones, and earbuds must be “off and away” and stored in the student’s backpack/bag/locker during the school day.
- Devices are not to be kept on the student’s person at any time during the instructional day.
- Students are not allowed to retrieve their own device once it is confiscated. Only a parent/guardian may retrieve the item from the principal's office.

Agreement:

- I will keep my cell phone and other personal communication devices off and stored away in my backpack/bag/locker during the school day.
- I will not use, wear, or carry cell phones, smartwatches, wireless headphones, or earbuds unless explicitly authorized by school staff.
- If I fail to follow this policy, I understand that my device will be confiscated, and a parent/guardian will need to retrieve it.
- I understand that repeated violations will result in progressive disciplinary actions, including in-school suspension and possible classification as insubordination under the Student Code of Conduct.
- I will take responsibility for complying with this policy and understand the expectations set forth by JCISD.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to follow the JCISD Student Cell Phone and Personal Communication Guidelines.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Administrator Signature: _____ Date: _____