

JCDAF Use of Personal Electronic Devices by Students

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The Cobb County Board of Education (Board) seeks to promote a positive learning environment free from electronic distractions. In accordance with the "Distraction Free Education Act" (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-324.8), students in grades K-8 are not permitted to access personal electronic devices while on school grounds during school hours, including but not limited to cell phones, smartwatches, tablets, e-readers, headphones, earbuds, and other devices with functionalities such as wireless communication, internet access, messaging, video recording, gaming, social media access, or data transmission during school hours. Any student found in violation of this policy and/or district rules/procedures during the school day shall be subject to progressive discipline consequences as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct (Administrative Rule JCDA-R).

A student whose Individualized Education Plan (IEP), Section 504 Plan, or medical plan explicitly mandates the use of a personal electronic device shall be permitted access to the device as necessary to fulfill the requirements of the respective plan. Parents wishing to reach their child during school hours should contact their child's school directly.

Neither the Cobb County School District (District), individual schools, nor District employees shall assume any responsibility or liability for the theft, loss, or damage to a personal communication device.

Nothing in this policy is intended to interfere with student access to school equipment provided to students for instructional purposes.

Revision Timeline*:

Adopted: 12/11/25 (Effective 7/1/26)

*Administrative Rules and Board Policies are reviewed on a regular basis. Dates indicate when revisions were made, not the dates of document review.

Legal Reference

O.C.G.A. 20-2-324.8 Distraction-Free Education Act