

Wireless Telecommunications Device Policy-Parent Acknowledgement Cardinal Charter Academy

North Carolina Statute

(<https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2025/Bills/House/PDF/H959v5.pdf>)

prohibit students from using, displaying, or having a wireless communication device turned on during instructional time.

Wireless Communication Device: Any portable wireless device that has the capability to provide voice, messaging, or other data communication between two or more parties, including the following: a. Cellular telephones. b. Tablet computers. c. Laptop computers. d. Paging devices. e. Two-way radios. f. Gaming devices.

In accordance with North Carolina state law, students are prohibited from using, displaying, or having a wireless communication device turned on during instructional time. (c) A wireless communication policy shall allow students use of a wireless communication device during instructional time as follows: (1) If *authorized by a teacher for educational purposes* or for use in the *event of an emergency*. (2) As required by the *student's individualized education program* or *section 504* (29 U.S.C. § 794) plan. (3) As required to manage a *student's health care*, in accordance with a documented medical condition.

The use of a cell phone by a student while school is in session is not allowed. Students in grades 9-12 are permitted to use cell phones during their assigned lunch period **only**. Students in grades K-8 who use cell phones at school will have the cell phone confiscated, and the phone will only be returned to the parent/guardian. Students in grades 9-12 who use cell phones outside of their assigned lunch period will have the cell phone confiscated and the phone will only be returned to the parent/guardian. If a cell phone is brought to school and is lost or stolen, **the school is not responsible for the loss**.

Unauthorized electronic devices, such as handheld games, earbuds and headphones, should not be brought to school. Students who bring unauthorized electronic devices to school will have them confiscated. If these items are brought to school and are lost or stolen, the school is not responsible for the loss. Authorization for having these devices on campus can only be given by the Administration.

Consequences are as follows:

First Offense: The electronic device will be returned to the parent/guardian of the student.

Second Offense: The electronic device will be returned to the parent/guardian of the student, and the student will receive Detention.

Third Offense: Parent must sign paperwork acknowledging the electronic device will be returned at the end of the academic year.

Failure to surrender items will result in a disciplinary consequence.

Parent's Signature indicates acknowledgement that next offense will be losing the phone until the end of the school year:
