

Travelers Rest High School
2014-2015 Personal Electronic Device Agreement

Greenville County Schools District Policy (Policy JCDA, Behavior Code)

Paging devices, telecommunications devices, cell phones

For purposes of this policy, paging devices are defined as telecommunications devices, to include mobile telephones that emit an audible signal, vibrate, display a message or otherwise summon or deliver a communication to the possessor.

Students who choose to bring paging devices to school must keep them in their vehicles or lockers, or another appropriate location determined by the school principal. During school hours while on school grounds, no student may use, or have turned on, a paging device without the prior permission of the principal, as set forth below. **"Turned on" includes a paging device that is activated and set or programmed to ring, vibrate or otherwise send or receive a signal.**

The principal or his/her designee may authorize a student to otherwise possess a paging device if the student is an active member of an emergency service organization, needs the paging device for a legitimate medical reason or otherwise needs the paging device for a legitimate reason, as determined by the principal. In such cases, the student must have prior written consent from the principal or his/her designee. **Neither the school nor the district will be responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged paging device brought onto school property.**

A person who finds a student in possession or use of a paging device in violation of this policy must report the student to the school principal. The principal or his/her designee must confiscate the device. The device will be returned to the student's parent/legal guardian according to the terms set forth below. Confiscated cell phones must be returned to a parent/legal guardian prior to the end of the school year. A student who violates this policy regarding use and possession of paging devices is subject to discipline as described below.

Travelers Rest High School PED Policy

Personal Electronic Devices are defined in District Board Policy JCDA, subheading Behavior Code. Additionally, a Personal Electronic Device encompasses any electronic device that could be used for learning (cell phones, iPads, Laptops, eReaders, etc.). The sole purpose of using the device during an instructional period is for educational reasons only as deemed appropriate by the classroom teacher and approved by the principal. Possession of a personal electronic device (PED) by a student is a privilege that may be forfeited by any student who fails to abide by the terms and provisions of this policy, or otherwise engages in misuse of this privilege.

Students may use personal electronic devices (PED)

- before and after school
- during their assigned lunch shift
- during class changes
- in class at teacher discretion and only for educational purposes

PED's must be put away, unless specified by the teacher, and turned off in the classroom when the tardy bell rings for class to begin.

Teachers may notify students verbally and through the use of signs as to the usage of cellphones in the classroom for educational purposes. The signs will be posted in a prominent place in the classroom, accessible for viewing upon entry.

- Red Sign: Personal Electronic Devices (PED) will not be used in the classroom today.
- Green Sign: Personal Electronic Devices (PED) may be used during class for educationally appropriate activities

Any other use of PED's is considered misuse and may result in disciplinary action. The following guidelines must be adhered to while at Travelers Rest High School.

1. Students may not use PED's to access and/or to view Internet web sites that are inappropriate or otherwise blocked to students at school while on school property or at a school sponsored activity.
2. Students are prohibited from using PED's to capture, record, or transmit the words and/or images of any student, staff member, or other person in the school or while attending a school-related activity without express prior notice and explicit consent for the capture, recording or transmission of such words or images.
3. Students are prohibited from using PED's to take pictures or record video/audio in locker rooms bathrooms, and classrooms unless deemed appropriate by the teacher and used for educational /instructional purposes only.
4. Students are prohibited from using PED's in any way that might create in the mind of another person an impression of being threatened, humiliated, harassed, embarrassed, or intimidated.
5. Students are prohibited from using PED's to capture and/or transmit test information or any other information in a manner that constitutes fraud, theft, cheating, or academic dishonesty.
6. At any time deemed appropriate a faculty/staff member has the right to ask a student to remove their PED and put it out of sight.
7. Students are personally and solely responsible for the care and security of their PED. Neither the district nor the school assume any responsibility for theft, loss, damages, or vandalism to any/all PED's brought onto school property. (see District Policy, JCDA)
8. Parents/Guardians are advised that the best way to get in touch with their child during the school day is by calling the office at (864)355-0000.

Consequences for PED Policy Violation(s)

First Offense:

Confiscation of the personal electronic device (PED) and, after a conference with the parent/legal guardian, the device will be returned to the student's parent/legal guardian the school day following the confiscation. PED confiscation conferences and returns will take place between 4:15 and 4:45 PM in the front office.

Second Offense:

Confiscation of the personal electronic device (PED) and, after a conference with the parent/legal guardian, the PED will be returned to the parent/legal guardian 30 calendar days after the confiscation. PED confiscation conferences and returns will take place between 4:15 and 4:45 PM in the front office.

Third Offense:

Confiscation of the personal electronic device (PED) and, after a conference with the parent/legal guardian, the PED will be returned to the parent/legal guardian after 60 calendar days. PED confiscation conferences and returns will take place between 4:15 and 4:45 PM in the front office.

Refusal to relinquish a PED will result in the student being suspended.

- First Offense: 3 days, return after parent conference.
- Second Offense 5 days, placed on probation, parent conference
- Third Offense: 10 days, recommendation for expulsion, parent conference

Violations involving a "loaned" personal electronic device (PED) will result in the policy being applied to both students.