

# High School Alternative Program

Greenville County Schools

CELL PHONES / ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY
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For purpose of this policy, electronic devices are defined as telecommunications devices, including cell phones, smart watches, mp3 players, Bluetooth devices such as wireless headphones, speakers that emit an audible signal, vibrate, display a message or otherwise summon or deliver a communication to the possessor.

**While enrolled in the High School Alternative Program (HSAP), no students may have in their possession a cell phone, MP3 player, or any other electronic or paging device. Violations will result in the device being confiscated by faculty or staff.**

Neither the school nor the district will be responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged electronic device or cell phone brought onto school property.

A person, who finds a student in possession or use of an electronic 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 the use and possession of electronic devices is subject to discipline as follows:

**First offense** – The electronic device or mobile telephone will be confiscated. The electronic device or mobile telephone will be held until a conference is conducted with the parent/legal guardian. The parent/legal guardian must sign an agreement acknowledging their understanding of Board Policy JDCA and the penalties for subsequent violations. The student will receive a disciplinary warning.

**Second offense** - The electronic device or mobile telephone will be confiscated. The electronic device or mobile telephone will be held until a conference is conducted with the parent/legal guardian. The student will receive a disciplinary infraction of a 2-day suspension and a parent/guardian conference will be held and the student will be placed on HSAP probation.

**Third and subsequent offenses** - Confiscation of the electronic device or mobile telephone and after a conference with the parent/legal guardian, the electronic device or mobile telephone **will be returned to the parent/legal guardian when the student exits the program.** The student will receive a disciplinary infraction in accordance with his/her probation.

**My signature acknowledges that I understand the HSAP/Electronic Devices Policy.**

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_