



BEAUFORT HIGH CELL PHONE POLICY

ELECTRONIC DEVICES — By the SC State Code (section 59-63-280), a paging device is defined as a telecommunications device, to include mobile telephones, device that emits an audible signal, vibrates, displays a message, or otherwise summons or delivers a communication to the possessor. Cell phones are considered to be **paging devices**. *Student use of electronic communication devices while on school property (including school buses), attending school-sponsored activities, or using the District technology system may only be done in accordance with school policy.*

What this means to you –

It is Beaufort High School policy that students may have electronic devices such as, but not limited to, cell phones, Ipods, e-readers, MP3 players, in your possession at Beaufort High and on school buses as long as the student is willing to adhere to the following:

Students may openly display and use these devices during travel to and from school while riding a bus.

Students are to store cell phones **turned off and out of sight** in pockets, bags, purses, etc... during class exchanges or during instructional time/classroom.

Students may openly display and use electronic devices during their assigned lunch provided:

Electronic device is used **ONLY** while in the cafeteria and/or patio.

Students may use the device provided the student wears headphones.

Students will refrain from making phone calls and talking on the phone.

Phone does not cause a distraction or disturbance to others around.

Additionally, a student in possession of an electronic communication device in conflict with this policy may have the device confiscated and is subject to discipline as provided under the Student Discipline Code of Conduct. The school or school District assumes no responsibility for electronic devices brought to school or on the bus. Cf. SS-18

First Offense: After a conference with an administrator, the item will be returned at the completion of the next school day.

NOTE: NO CELL PHONE WILL BE RETURNED IN LESS THAN 24 HOURS

Second Offense: After a conference with the parent/legal guardian, the item will be returned at the completion of the next school day to the parent/legal guardian.

Third Offense: After a conference with the parent/legal guardian, the item will be returned at the end of that nine week marking period to the parent/legal guardian.

Fourth Offense: After a conference with the parent/legal guardian, the item will be returned at the end of that semester to the parent/legal guardian.

There is nothing in this policy which prohibits any administrator from imposing more severe penalties after consideration of the incident.