



## **BLANKNER K-8 SCHOOL**

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### **2021-2022 BLANKNER STUDENT CELL PHONE/DEVICES POLICY**

A student may possess a cell phone on school property and at school-related functions, provided that during school hours, the cell phone remains off and is concealed. However, cell phones/headphones can be used during the school day, if use is part of the curriculum and outlined in the teacher's lesson/syllabus. Violations of this policy may result in confiscation of the cell phone and/or other disciplinary actions. In addition, if the cell phone is used in a criminal act (such as sexting as outlined in [Florida Statutes](#) and the Code), the cell phone will be provided to law enforcement and the student may face criminal penalties.

If confiscated, the parent/guardian will make arrangements to pick up the cell phone from the school, unless law enforcement has taken possession of the cell phone for a criminal act.

At no time shall OCPS be responsible for theft, loss or damage to cell phones or other electronic devices brought onto its property.

These standards apply to all students in the public schools of Orange County, unless an exemption is granted by the principal. Any request for an exemption shall be made to the principal.

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#### **Additional Blankner School Guidelines:**

- 1.) Cell phones need to be off and placed in the student's backpack from 1<sup>st</sup> bell – 8:30 AM to last bell – 3:00 PM (Wednesdays 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM).
- 2.) Cell phones will not be permitted out of the backpack within any of our buildings at any time. Conversely, before the 8:30 AM bell and after the 3:00 PM bell (Wednesdays 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM), cell phones can be used anywhere outside the buildings. Cell phone use on the patio during lunch is not permitted.
- 3.) Students will not be allowed to carry a cell phone in their pocket(s).
- 4.) Cell phones that ring within the 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM (Wednesdays 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM) timeframe will be confiscated.

Note: Students are not permitted to have electronic devices such as: hand-held game consoles, ipods, tablets, etc. on school campus. If confiscated, the parent/guardian will make arrangements to pick up the electronic device from the school.

If a student violates the cell phone policy:

**1<sup>st</sup> VIOLATION:** The cell phone will be confiscated and returned to the student at the end of the school day. Student will be required to sign the cell phone log-out binder.

**2<sup>ND</sup> VIOLATION:** The cell phone will be confiscated and the parent/guardian will be contacted by Administration. The phone will be returned to the student at the end of the school day. This incident will be documented on a discipline referral form- Level 1KK Electronic Device Violation.

**3<sup>RD</sup> VIOLATION:** The cell phone will be confiscated and the parent/guardian will make arrangements to pick-up and sign for the phone. This incident will be documented on a discipline referral form- Level 2Q Electronic Device Violation.

**4<sup>TH</sup> VIOLATION:** The student will not be permitted to bring a cell phone to school for the remainder of the year. This incident will be documented on a discipline referral form- Level 3Y Electronic Device Violation.

**FURTHER VIOLATIONS: PARENT CONTACT (CONFERENCE) AND OFFICE REFERRAL – POSSIBLE HIGHER LEVEL OFFENSE.**

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