

Marion County Board of Education

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1 Except in cases of emergency, employees shall use cell phones for personal use only during non-
2 working hours such as meal periods and breaks. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to,
3 receiving or placing calls, text messaging, internet use, receiving or responding to email, checking
4 voicemails, viewing or posting on social media pages, or any other personal use. In keeping with this
5 policy, for non-supervisory and non-administrative employees, personal cell phones or other
6 communication devices should be kept turned off or kept on silent during normal working hours.

7 **EMPLOYEES SHALL NOT SEND PERSONAL MESSAGES TO INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS.** Staff-to-
8 student calls or text messaging shall only be used to communicate messages regarding instruction,
9 directions to members of extra-curricular or co-curricular clubs/teams/organizations or other essential
10 school-related business.

11 If an employee is the recipient of an illegal or inappropriate text, voice, or picture message, attachment,
12 or communication, the employee shall immediately report this to his/her supervisor. The contents of
13 such messages shall not be shared with anyone other than the supervisor(s) and/or law enforcement
14 officials.