

# Cell Phone & Electronic Device Policy

## USE OF PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Students may possess personal communication devices and personal electronic devices, including but not limited to cell phones, laptops, tablets, mp3 players and cameras on school property so long as such devices are turned off and stored in backpacks, purses or personal carry-all-bags. However, a teacher may grant permission for the use of these devices into their class work. The principal or his/her designee may also grant a student permission to use such a device at his/her discretion.

Unauthorized use or improper storage of a device will result in confiscation until such time as it may be released to the student's parents or guardian. A student in violation of this policy is subject to disciplinary action.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - Principal keeps phone for five (5) days.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - Principal keeps phone for ten (10) days.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense - Suspended to alternative school for five (5) days and Principal keeps phone for one (1) month.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Offense - Viewed as defiance and charged a Category III Offense for repeated violation of school rules.

Marion County Schools assumes no responsibility for any of these items.

Students will not bring computer disks and/or flash drives from home to load data onto South Pittsburg Elementary School's computers. This will help ensure that our computers will stay virus free. Students caught loading information, games, or any other data on a school computer will be responsible for any damage that may occur, and disciplinary action will be taken.

Computer hacking or tampering is a Category II offense according to Marion County Disciplinary Policy and is a suspending offense.