

Current Board Policy:

DIGITAL RESOURCES RESPONSIBLE USE POLICY

Students must adhere to the laws, policies, and rules governing computers, including, but not limited to, copyright laws, rights of software publishers, license agreements, and personal rights of privacy created by federal and state law. Students using Phenix City Schools' computers, programs, software, Internet connection, and networks are to understand these items are for educational use only. Any activity that may interfere with the legitimate operation of the computer networks and/or Internet access will result in disciplinary action. (See Code of Conduct offenses 2.06, Petty Theft; 2.07, Property Damage; 3.05, Stealing; or 3.08, Criminal Mischief.) In the case of computer hackers, this may include the notification of the appropriate state or federal law enforcement agency. The same shall apply to students working with non-system computers while under the supervision of school officials. In addition, vandalism of computer hardware will not be tolerated and will result in disciplinary action. (See Code of Conduct offenses 2.07 and 3.08)

PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

The following is an explanation of Central High School, Central Freshman Academy, South Girard School and Phenix City Intermediate School electronic device policy to include but is not limited to cell phones, MP3 players, laptops, iPads, Nooks, hand-held video games, etc.:

1. Cell phones or other forms of electronic communication/devices may be allowed to be brought to school by students under certain conditions.
2. Students are responsible for following all school regulations and procedures for electronic devices found in the Parent/Student handbook.
3. Any violation of the above-stated policy will result in the following disciplinary action:
 - 1st offense will require a parent or legal guardian to pick up the electronic device after school. The device may be picked up that day AFTER school.
 - 2nd offense will result in the school confiscating the device for five (5) consecutive days, and the device will have to be picked up by a parent or legal guardian anytime after the 5th day.

- 3rd offense will result in the school confiscating the device for ten (10) consecutive days. The device must be picked up by a parent or legal guardian after the 10th day, and the student is banned from bringing any electronic device to the school for the remainder of the school year.
 - 4th offense will result in a three (3) day out-of-school suspension.
 - 5th offense will result in a hearing with the Principal for further disciplinary action.
4. Any student who refuses to give his/her electronic device to an administrator will be referred to the Superintendent for a hearing that may result in placement at the alternative school.
 5. Electronic devices may be picked up after school on the last day of the punishment, but before 4:00 p.m. Devices may be picked up during regular school operation hours. (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) any time after that.
 6. Possession of an electronic device is the responsibility of the student. The teachers and administration are NOT responsible for lost or stolen devices. Students should be diligent in maintaining possession of these devices, as administrators will refrain from conducting searches looking for lost or stolen items.
 7. If a student allows another student to utilize his/her electronic device and it violates the above-stated policy, the device will still be confiscated accordingly. There will not be an exemption because the student claims it is not their cell phone, MP3 player, or video game.
 8. Any electronic device being used at an inappropriate time will be turned over as is without any modification. For example, students cannot remove the SIM card or keep the headphones. The device, in its entirety, will be withheld.

The purpose of this policy is to allow students to bring electronic devices to school for the various reasons they may be needed, but it is in place to ensure they are not a disruption to the learning process. Improper use of electronic devices is strictly prohibited and may result in disciplinary action. This includes but is not limited to, cheating (taking pictures/video without authorization and posting pictures/video without authorization). Note that this policy applies at the bus stop, on the school bus, and on all Phenix City School campuses. At the administration's discretion, this offense may be considered Class III.