

statements that are profane, obscene, slanderous, libelous, or violent; (ii) using disruptive tactics; and (iii) advocating violation of the law or school regulations, to include, but not limited to, any distribution of literature promoting the use of illegal substances, inaccurate or false statements that injure the person by damaging his or her reputation; cause personal humiliation, mental anguish, and suffering; or cause other injuries.

#### N. Cell Phones

Each school board shall develop, and each public elementary and secondary school shall implement age-appropriate and developmentally appropriate policies relating to student cell phone and smart device possession and that restrict student cell phone and smart device possession and use on school property from bell to bell. To the extent that student cell phone or smart device possession and use is otherwise permitted on school property before or after bell to bell, the School Board shall regulate such possession and use with the objective of reducing any distractions in or disruptions to the learning environment, including bullying and harassment; ensure that implementation and enforcement of such policies (i) is the responsibility of the school administration; (ii) minimizes, to the extent possible, any conflict with the instructional responsibilities of teachers or any disturbance to instructional time; and (iii) does not involve any school resource officer, as defined in § 9.1-101, that may be employed in any school in the school division; permit any student, pursuant to an Individualized Education Plan, Section 504 Plan, individualized health care plan, or Limited English Proficiency plan, to possess and use a cell phone or smart device on school property, including in the classroom, from bell to bell to monitor or address a health concern or as an accommodation or assistive technology support; and expressly prohibit any student from being suspended or expelled as a consequence of any violation of such policies.

1. Students in grades K-6 (including 6th grade students at Poe MS, Holmes MS, and Glasgow MS): Phones must be off and personally stored (i.e., backpacks) for the duration of the school day: bell to bell. Phone accessories and all smart devices (e.g., airpods, earbuds, headsets, other items connected to the phone) are also to be off and away when phone use is prohibited. Watches that serve a dual purpose (e.g., smart watch) may be worn; however, phone features (e.g., texting, internet, calls, etc.) are to be off bell to bell. Students are prohibited from using phones, tablets, and other mobile devices in restrooms and locker rooms, unless there is a medical necessity or emergency. Cell phones may be used on campus before and after school only.
2. Students in grades 7-8: Phones must be off and personally stored (i.e., backpacks, lockers, etc.) for the duration of the school day: bell to bell. Phone accessories and all smart devices (e.g., airpods, earbuds, headsets, other items connected to the phone) are also to be off and away. Watches that serve a dual purpose (e.g., smart watch) may be worn; however, phone features (e.g., texting, Internet, calls, etc.) are to be off. Students are prohibited from using phones, tablets, and other mobile devices in restrooms and locker rooms, unless there is a medical necessity or emergency. Cell phones may be used on campus before the first bell and after the last bell only. **Note:** Middle school populations in secondary schools (i.e., Robinson Secondary, Lake Braddock Secondary, and Hayfield Secondary) shall follow the middle school cell phone policy.
3. Students in grades 9-12: Phones must be off and personally stored (i.e., backpacks, lockers, etc.) during all instructional periods bell to bell. Phone accessories and all smart devices (e.g., airpods, earbuds, headsets, other items connected to the phone) are also to be off and personally stored when phone use is prohibited. Watches that serve a dual purpose (e.g., smart watch) may be worn; however, phone features (e.g., texting,

internet, calls, etc.) are to be off when phone use is prohibited. Storage may be in a locker, backpack, pencil bag, etc., during classes. Students are prohibited from using phones, tablets, and other mobile devices in restrooms and locker rooms, unless there is a medical necessity or emergency. Cell phone use is restricted, and cell phones may only be used on campus before the first bell, after the last bell, during passing periods, and lunches.

~~Students have a responsibility to adhere to the differentiated expectations for cell phone use to foster a positive learning environment.~~

- ~~1. Students in grades K-6 (including 6th grade students at Poe MS, Holmes MS, and Glasgow MS): Phones must be silenced and in backpacks for the duration of the school day. Phone accessories (e.g., airpods, earbuds, headsets, other items connected to the phone) are also to be silenced and away when phone use is prohibited. Watches that serve a dual purpose (e.g., smart watch) may be worn; however, phone features (e.g., texting, internet, calls, etc.) are to be off when phone use is prohibited. Students are prohibited from using phones, tablets, and other mobile devices in restrooms and locker rooms, unless there is a medical necessity or emergency. With the approval of the principal or their designee, teachers may allow usage of cell phones for instructional activities where they are the most appropriate tool; however, one-to-one FCPS devices should meet most needs. Cell phones may be used on campus before and after school only.~~
- ~~2. Students in grades 7-8: Phones must be silenced and kept put away for the duration of the school day. Phone accessories (e.g., airpods, earbuds, headsets, other items connected to the phone) are also to be silenced and away when phone use is prohibited. Students are prohibited from using phones, tablets, and other mobile devices in restrooms and locker rooms, unless there is a medical necessity or emergency. Storage may be in a locker, backpack, pencil bag, etc., during the day. Watches that serve a dual purpose (e.g., smart watch) may be worn; however, phone features (e.g., texting, Internet, calls, etc.) are to be off when phone use is prohibited. With the approval of the principal or their designee, teachers may allow usage of cell phones for instructional activities where they are the most appropriate tool; however, one-to-one FCPS devices should meet most needs. Cell phones may be used on campus before the first bell and after the last bell only. **Note:** Secondary schools (i.e., Robinson Secondary, Lake Braddock Secondary, and Hayfield Secondary) have the ability to permit cell phone usage during passing periods as the three schools support students in grades 7-12 who frequently use the same halls for class change to ensure cell phone expectations can be operationalized within the three schools' unique structures.~~
- ~~3. Students in grades 9-12: Phones must be silenced and put away during all instructional periods. Phone accessories (e.g., airpods, earbuds, headsets, other items connected to the phone) are also to be silenced and away when phone use is prohibited. Watches that serve a dual purpose (e.g., smart watch) may be worn; however, phone features (e.g., texting, internet, calls, etc.) are to be off when phone use is prohibited. Storage may be in a locker, backpack, pencil bag, etc., during classes. Students are prohibited from using phones, tablets, and other mobile devices in restrooms and locker rooms, unless there is a medical necessity or emergency. With the approval of the principal or their designee, teachers may allow usage of cell phones for instructional activities where they are the most appropriate tool; however, one-to-one FCPS devices should meet most needs. Cell phones may be used on campus before the first bell, after the last bell, during passing periods, and lunches.~~