

6301 – Wireless Communication Devices

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All authorized charter schools shall adopt a policy prohibiting¹ use of wireless communication devices during instructional time, unless for specific exceptions.² Wireless communication devices, for purposes of this policy, shall include, but are not limited to cellular telephones, tablet computers, laptop computers, and gaming devices.³

EXCEPTIONS

An authorized charter school's wireless communication device use policy shall include exceptions that⁴:

1. Authorizes a teacher to allow a student to use a wireless communication device for educational purposes during instructional time;
2. Permits a student to use a wireless communication device in the event of an emergency or to manage a student's health; and,
3. Permits a student to use a wireless communication device during instructional time if the use of the device is included in the student's IEP, 504, or ILP.
 - A wireless communication device is permitted during instructional time when the device is being used for the operation of assistive technology to increase, maintain, or improve the student's functional capabilities.

NOTIFICATIONS

All authorized charter schools shall develop a process by which parents or guardians of students will be contacted in the event of an emergency or possible emergency occurring at the school.⁵

¹ T.C.A. § 49-6-320(b)

² *Id.*

³ T.C.A. § 49-6-320(a)

⁴ T.C.A. § 49-6-320(b)

⁵ T.C.A. § 49-6-320(b)(5)



All authorized charter schools shall publish the wireless communication device on their websites.⁶

K-5 Digital Device Policy⁷

All authorized charter schools serving grades kindergarten through five shall adopt a policy regarding student use of digital devices in accordance with T.C.A. § 49-6-323. All policies shall detail in-person, teacher-led instruction as the primary mode of instruction, limit the use of digital devices for students in grades K-5, and prohibit access to social media platforms through public charter school provided internet services. All policies shall ensure that electronic assessment and instructional tools are developmentally appropriate and provide parents with transparency regarding the types of digital devices used.

⁶ T.C.A. § 49-6-320(c)

⁷ T.C.A. § 49-6-323