

TRUMBULL COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Policy

Section 8.50

STUDENT CELL PHONE USE

PURPOSE:

To support a school environment in which students are fully engage with their classmates, their teachers, and instruction, the Trumbull County Board of Developmental Disabilities has determined the use of cell phones by students during school hours should be limited. The purpose of this policy is to strengthen the Fairhaven School's focus on learning, in alignment with our mission to ensure the greatest opportunities and recourses are provided in order to ignite students' passion for learning, and foster a sense of community within our school.

POLICY:

Fairhaven School students are prohibited from using cell phones at all times while on school property during school hours.

A. Exception

Nothing in this policy prohibits a student from using a cell phone for a purpose documented in the student's individualized education program developed under Chapter 3323 of the Ohio Revised Code or a plan developed under section 504 of the "Rehabilitation Act of 1973," 29 U.S.C. 794. A student may use a cell phone to monitor or address a health concern.

B. Cell phone storage

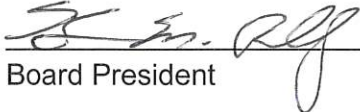
Students shall keep their cell phones in a secure place, such as the student's locker, a closed backpack, or a storage device provided by the district, at all times when cell phone use is prohibited.


C. Discipline

If a student violates this policy, a teacher or administrator shall take the following progressively serious disciplinary measures:

- Give the student a verbal warning and require the student to store the student's cell phone in accordance with this policy.
- Securely store the student's cell phone in a teacher- or administrator-controlled locker, bin, or drawer for the duration of the class or period.
- Place the student's cell phone in the school's administrative office for the remainder of the school day.

- Place the student's cell phone in the school's administrative office to be picked up by the student's parent or guardian.
- Schedule a conference with the student's parent or guardian to discuss the student's cell phone use.


Board President


Superintendent

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Effective: August 26, 2024

Reference:
Chapter 3323 of the Ohio Revised Code
Rehabilitation Act of 1973
Ohio Department of Education and
Workforce