

## Technology in K-12 Public Schools and Use of Cell Phones in School



**Summary:** House Bill 379 requires:

- school districts prohibit the use of wireless communication devices (WCD) in the Student Code of Conduct
- teachers designate an area for wireless communications devices during instructional time.
- public schools to provide instruction on the social, emotional, and physical effects of social media, etc.

**What does this mean for my student?** In Hernando Schools, teachers will direct students to place their cell phones in a designated area during instructional time unless the devices are used for educational purposes and under the supervision of the teacher. In HCSD, "designated area" is typically the students backpack.

**What do I need to do?** Parents may wish to familiarize themselves with the new law and talk with your child's teacher to better understand classroom rules regarding cell phones.

Remember - Focused instructional time is limited each day and students who are distracted by their phones will miss important directions, conversations and lessons.