

Ocean Breeze Elementary School

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Dear Ocean Breeze Families,

As you may be aware, the School Board of Brevard County is currently reviewing policy 5136 outlining the policies and procedures for the use of Wireless Communication Devices (WCDs) (e.g. cellular phones, wifi/text enabled watches, tablets, etc...). I wanted to take a moment to send you the current School Board policy and review how we adhere to it at Ocean Breeze.

Ocean Breeze follows the section on page 2 of policy 5136, which states, *"While students may possess WCDs in school, on school property, during after school activities (e.g. extra-curricular activities), and at school-related functions, they either must be powered completely off or placed into vibrate/silent mode, and stored out of sight during school hours."* Our students have typically done well to comply with this procedure. However, with the advent of smart watches, it has important to review that those, too, are considered WCDs and therefore, expected to be off/silenced and stowed during school hours.

While WCDs have many positive uses, in the elementary classroom setting, they are often a huge distraction to the learning process. In addition, the use of WCDs can lead to unkind behaviors such as: cyberbullying, harassment, inappropriate posts/photos, etc... As such and per policy, students who use WCDs without permission, may be subject to disciplinary consequences including confiscation of devices and possible revocation of their cell phone/WCD privileges on campus.

We realize that it is important for parents to be able to communicate with and monitor their elementary age child(ren) on their way to and from school. To promote student compliance with the policy, we ask that parents review expectations with their child(ren) and refrain from texting/calling students during the school hours. Rest assured, that should a situation arise during the school day that necessitates you needing to communicate with your child, you can call the front office or contact the teacher to relay the information. Furthermore, students are able to contact you if needed, using the classroom or office phone with permission.

We appreciate your support to ensure that our students remain compliant with policy 5136. We will keep you posted on any updates or changes to this policy, as approved by the School Board.

Thank you,

Shelley A. Michaud

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Principal

Please review the district WCD policy with your student. The district WCD policy can be accessed at:
<https://go.boarddocs.com/fl/brevco/Board.nsf/Public#>

In addition, the WCD agreement that was signed at registration can be accessed here:
<https://www.brevardschools.org/cms/lib/FL02201431/Centricity/Domain/3231/3%20Cell%20Phone%20Contract%20English.pdf>

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