

ELECTRONIC DEVICES/ CELL PHONES POLICY 2022-2023

The use of electronic devices/cell phones, which include but are not limited to mobile telephones and other devices that can send, receive, play or display digital video or audio data or images or which provide an unfiltered connection to the Internet, is prohibited by students during instructional periods of the school day and in such other circumstances as deemed school related. Refer to [Board Policy No. 237](#).

Electronic devices may be brought to school but must be **kept turned off** and **out of sight** during **ALL** instructional periods and activities. Use of electronic devices in certain designated areas of the school, by teacher in charge, or principal. For example, during your 30-minute lunch phones may be checked, music with ear buds may be listened to. The phone will have to be put away 5 minutes prior to lunch dismissal. Students will be expected to follow the lunch monitors directive or it will be considered a consequence for violating the technology policy. See chart below.

Use of electronic devices on school transportation is permitted to the extent that such use does not disrupt or distract other students, passengers or the operator of the vehicle, and does not otherwise pose a risk to the safe and orderly operation of the vehicle.

Electronic devices and headphones / earbuds **MAY NOT BE VISIABLE** unless explicit permission from the classroom teacher, substitute teacher, instructional aide or other school staff in authority. Phones, headphones /ear buds etc. may not be visible once a student walks into the lobby or hallways.

In the High school, phones and headphones /earbuds should be stored /locked in student lockers. If you carry the phone it must not be seen or visible and ringer must be turned off, THIS INCLUDES HALLWAYS AND STUDY HALLS.

The use of electronic devices is a privilege, not a right.

Consequences for Violating the Technology Policy (HS)

<u>First Offense</u>	<u>Second and Further Offenses</u>
A parent/ guardian will be notified by phone from the building principal and the phone will be returned to the student at the end of the school day.	A parent/ guardian will be required to have a conference with the building principal and the PARENT / GUARDIAN MUST PICK UP THE PHONE FROM THE OFFICE. The phone will not be handed over to the student only to the parent/ guardian. This will only be done during hours that the school is open 7:30 AM-3:30PM

Links can be found on the main district website. Please refer to Board Policy for all restrictions and rules applicable to the use of electronic devices in school or on school property. Students and parents are expressly advised that use of an electronic device in a manner not permitted or authorized under Board Policy will be considered a Second Offense consequence.

REASONABLE REQUESTS

Students must comply with all reasonable requests from staff. Students who do not comply with reasonable request will receive a second opportunity to comply from the adult in charge. Failure to comply will result in a phone call home and immediate one (1) day suspension from school.