



Cell Phone/Electronics Policy

MIDDLE SCHOOL (8th Grade)

Our policy is as follows:

- We prefer that students leave cell phones and personal electronics at home. While phones may sometimes be permitted for instructional purposes, they are never required, as chromebooks are also available. In the event that a cell phone or personal electronic device is brought to school, it is to be OFF (not on silent) and in a backpack or locker between a student's arrival and departure from the campus.
- We ask that all parent-student communication during school hours go through the office (phone/email).
- During class, cell phones and other electronic devices (chromebooks, kindles, iPads, iPods, cameras, smart watches, etc.) may only be used by students when directed by a teacher for **instructional** and **educational** purposes. Cell phones are not to be used for reading at any time.
- If a student would like to use a cell phone or electronic device for personal instructional purposes outside of the classroom (ex: to look up information on google classroom or powerschool during lunch), he or she must first obtain permission from staff. Devices must be turned off and put away after use.
- Parents who wish to have their student use a phone or tablet for instructional purposes should be aware that this may result in the usage of additional plan minutes.
- All expectations apply to any time spent on school grounds, before school, during school, after school, or at school sanctioned events such as field trips.

HIGH SCHOOL (9th - 12th Grade)

- If a cell phone must be brought to school, it is to be off and in backpacks or lockers between the hours of 8:30am and departure from the campus.
- **Cell phone usage during lunch is ONLY permitted in the back patio or side yard.**
- During class, cell phones and other electronic devices (chromebooks, kindles, iPads, iPods, cameras, smart watches, etc.) may only be used by students when directed by a teacher for **instructional** and **educational** purposes.
- We ask that all parents have a conversation with their students clarifying when you expect them to respond (during lunch, after school) and when you expect them to NOT respond (during class, passing periods). In case of an emergency, please contact the main office (phone/email).
- Cell phones are not to be used for reading at any time.
- Parents who wish to have their student use a phone or tablet for instructional purposes should be aware that this may result in the usage of additional plan minutes.
- Cell phone expectations apply to any school sanctioned events such as field trips that take place during school hours.