



HIGH SCHOOL SMARTPHONE POLICY

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

The school administration prohibits the use of smartphones, cell phones, smart watches, earbuds, air pods, or Bluetooth headphones to be in use in classrooms during the school day for ANY reason.

- Cell phones must be on silent and stored inside backpacks. Phones may only be accessed before and after school, while in the hallway during passing periods, and at lunch. Also, if students request to use the restroom during class, they must show the teacher that their cell phone is not leaving the classroom. Earphones that are wired and plugged into the laptop may be used if needed for coursework.
- During class, students may NOT use their phones for calculators, to check the time, music, to read a book, to check grades, or for any other reason. If there is a medical reason to use a cell phone, that will be allowed per a 504 or health plan.
- Additionally, the school prohibits “sexting” between students, defined as “the act of sending sexually suggestive or explicit messages, photos, or images via digital devices.” Moreover, even appropriate photos should only be taken with permission and not shared or distributed without permission.

Acceptable Use of the Internet

Student use of computers is restricted to educational pursuits during the school day and is only granted with the permission of teachers or staff. Students are only permitted to access the internet using the school’s wireless network.

- While in school, student visitation to websites that include vulgarity, nudity, profanity, gratuitous violence, and pornography is expressly forbidden.
- While using the internet off-campus during personal time, the school honors the judgment and standards parents choose for their children but maintains a strict position in opposition to all forms of pornography. All middle school students will be required to sign the Acceptable Use Policies for Mobile Computers found in the appendix of this handbook.

Acceptable Use of Social Media

Social networking sites (i.e., Snapchat, Instagram, Twitter, TikTok) are not to be accessed by students during the school day while on campus or on a school-sponsored day trip. When using social media during personal time off campus, students are reminded that the guidelines for behavior in this handbook apply at all times. Harassing or bullying behaviors that are performed using social media are equally as serious as performing these behaviors in person and are also prohibited.

The School’s Response

The administration reserves the right to take disciplinary action when the school becomes aware that a student has violated one or more of these guidelines.

- **The process if a phone is out during class: The teacher will send that student, with their phone, to the office immediately. No second chances. Administrators will call parents to retrieve the phone. It will not be given back to the student.**
- The school does not monitor student internet usage outside of school. We encourage parents to monitor student activity on social networking sites (including, but not limited to, Snapchat, Instagram, Twitter, and TikTok) and regular cell phone and smartphone usage.