

EHS Cell Phone Policy

“Put it away if you want it to stay”

Rationale: When a cell phone makes a noise, even vibrates, it distracts the student and disengages them from content. Cell phones on the table, even when silenced, use cognitive resources that should be used toward content because they are a constant visual reminder of a distraction.

Policy: Cell phones may only be used by students in classrooms with permission from the teacher and ***for Instructional Purposes only***. This also extends to the hallways during class time, and Communications Break. Students may use phones during passing time and lunch.

Teachers are responsible for letting students know what the expectations are for the day. Cell phones should be in backpacks or in classroom pouches, silenced, with vibrate off unless the instructor specifies that it is an appropriate instructional time to use a cell phone.

Video/camera functions are to be appropriately used. This includes refraining from taking pictures of other students or staff without permission.

Consequences:

First offense – documentation by teacher, device confiscated by teacher and returned to the student at the end of the hour, and communication is sent home about the incident (email or phone call).

Second offense - documentation done by office, device sent to office, and student is required to retrieve the device from administration; phone call is made home to parents by student with administration.

Third and subsequent offenses – documentation done by office, a parent/guardian is required to retrieve the device and school consequences such as phone contract, social probation, detention, and/or suspension.

Offenses will reset at the beginning of each semester.

