

Northern Trails 5/6 Electronic Device Policy

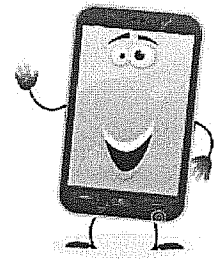
Mobile phones and other electronic devices can be used to enrich, expand, and explore in our classrooms. Utilizing mobile phones, tablets, and handheld electronic devices is a privilege that comes with expectations, rules, and consequences. Let's take a moment to review and discuss the information below.

When is the Right Time for Electronics for My Child(ren)?

For every child and family, the decision of WHEN to send a device to school is completely up to the adults to decide. Can my student safely transport the device to and from school? Does the device have a protective cover? What interactions with the device are permitted? Students at the 5/6 level will tell their family members that *everyone* has the "X" item, but at this age families can and do say, "Not yet." Our staff does not expect a child to possess a personal device -- any needed technology is available for all members of the class.

Expectations for Storage of Devices in School:

- The safest place for a device to be stored at school is securely in your student's locker.
- School is not responsible for any lost or damaged devices.
- The device should be secured in a case that protects the device and glass.
- A student coat pocket is not a safe location as on the playground the device may come in contact with playground equipment.
- If a teacher allows for technology in a classroom activity, a school device will be provided for those without their own device. After the activity, the technology should return to the student's locker.
- The student's name should be on the device (engraved or by tape) so the item, if lost, can be returned.



Expectations for usage in the classroom:

- The electronic device will be used to connect to the Internet for relevant classroom activities.
- The electronic device will be used to seek information relevant to classroom activities.
- The electronic device will be used to use an app to facilitate student learning.
- The electronic device may be used to access digital books for classroom reading.

Rules for usage in the classroom:

- Devices will not be used to text message for personal or social reasons during class or in the hallways.
- Devices will be used responsibly and be "powered off" when not used in the classroom.
- Devices will be used only at times and for purposes directed by the teacher.
- If a teacher allows technology use at indoor recess, supervision will occur and an alternate device will be made available for those without a personal device.

Consequences for misuse:

- *1st Offense:* Teacher secures the device and student picks up the device at the conclusion of the school day.
- *2nd Offense:* Teacher secures the device and turned the device into the Main Office. Parent/Guardian must pick-up and sign for the device in the main office.
- The 5/6 school also reserves the right to ban any student from mobile device usage in class should the student engage in an overwhelmingly inappropriate activity. *See the District Acceptable Use Policy (AUP).*