



# Wireless Communication Devices (Cell Phone) Expectations

Middle school wireless communication device (WCD) procedures have been established to create a conducive learning environment that fosters academic growth and positive social interactions among students and staff. These expectations outline the guidelines for the appropriate use of WCD's on school premises while focusing on maximizing learning opportunities and maintaining a respectful atmosphere.

## Student Responsibilities:

Students who bring WCDs to school must ensure that they remain in silent mode and completely out of view for the entire school day except for when expressly authorized by the classroom teacher for a specific instructional activity. Classroom teachers may also provide, and students may utilize, a cell phone storage area in their classroom. These expectations also apply to extracurricular and co-curricular activities that occur before or after the school day.

**Definition:** *For the purposes of clarity, please know that these expectations include any electronic device that could be considered distracting including devices that run on either Wi-Fi or cellular technology such as earbuds, headphones and smartwatches.*

**Compliance:** *Students are required to comply with any staff instructions related to cell phone usage, including turning off or silencing phones when necessary.*

**Camera Usage:** *Recording, filming, or photography of students, staff members, or school activities on your school or personal electronic device is strictly prohibited unless given permission to do so by school staff for a specific purpose*

Consequences	
1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	Written warning in myEWS & Parent Contact
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	Staff members secure the device and turn the device into the Main Office. The student may pick up the device from the Main Office at the end of the school day.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense	Staff members secure the device and turn the device into the Main Office. A parent/guardian will be required to pick up the device from the Main Office.
4 <sup>th</sup> Offense	Staff members secure the device and turn the device into the Main Office. The student will receive disciplinary action which may include detention(s) or other consequences. A parent/guardian will be required to pick up the device from the Main Office.

Additional offenses may result in loss of privilege of bringing a cell phone to school, additional school level consequences such as but not limited to detentions, after school detention and a parent/guardian meeting.

Office hours for pick up are 7:00 am to 3:30 pm.