

Allen Consolidated Schools

Cell Phone Policy

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Carrying an electronic device in the school building is a privilege, not a right. Students who comply with the electronic device policy shall be allowed to bring a device into the building so long as it is not handled and it does not emit a noise (including vibration); students who are either unwilling or unable to comply with the policy, shall have the privilege of carrying a phone within the school building revoked.

Electronic devices include but are not limited to cell phones, smart watches, Bluetooth headphones (i.e. air pods), Bluetooth speakers, iPads/tablets, personal laptops, etc.

Students will be asked to leave their device in the pocket chart or similar location in each teacher's classroom. Exceptions to this policy will be limited to medical needs or a student IEP that requires a student to access their device but only for medical or educational reasons.

The expectation is that there will be no use of non-school issued electronic devices during instructional periods unless directed by the classroom teacher to be used for a curriculum related purpose, no use of non-school issued electronic devices during study hall or aiding periods and no use of non-school issued electronic devices between the hours of 8:15AM to 3:35PM with the exclusion of the lunch period and passing periods

Electronic devices shall never be utilized in locations such as locker rooms, restrooms, and other areas where the right to privacy is expected.

First offense: The electronic device will be confiscated by the classroom teacher and locked away until the end of the school day at 3:35PM. For this offense, classroom teachers can issue a consequence to be served with them as they see fit. Students will call parents or guardians to let them know they have received a first offense and what will happen if they receive a second.

Second offense: The electronic device will be confiscated to the office to be locked away until the end of the school day at 3:35PM. Students will call parents or guardians to let them know they have received a second offense and what will happen if they receive a third.

Third offense: The electronic device will be confiscated to the office to be locked away until the parent or guardian of the student can pick it up from the office. Students will call

parents or guardians to let them know they have received a third offense, and what will happen if they receive further offenses.

Further offenses will result in all the consequences determined under a 3rd offense as well as consequences determined by the principal for insubordination to the policy. A meeting with parents may be utilized to help students be successful with this policy in the future.

Any time a staff member directs a student to surrender an electronic device, the student will be expected to do so immediately and without complaint. Failure to surrender a device immediately is an act of defiance and will result in the loss of the electronic device privileges and/or other consequences. Violations of the electronic device policy may result in loss of privileges for a given amount of time, detention, suspension, or other consequence.