

CELL PHONE AND WEARABLE DEVICES SCHOOL POLICY

In today's world we understand that most students have a personal device. When a personal device is on campus they are subject to all the same policies and rules as other student devices. Possession of a mobile phone on campus is a privilege, not a right, and students are expected to behave responsibly with them at all times.

Wearable technology is a growing class of devices that includes earphones, headphones, and smart watches. Many of these devices are designed to connect to a smartphone, either wired or wirelessly. These devices have become very common in schools, and they can be useful in the learning environment. They are subject to the same school policies as mobile phones and those policies are explained below.

Learning is our focus on campus. Smartphone and wearable technology use are restricted to reduce distraction and maintain student focus on learning.

- Student mobile phones are not allowed to be used or visible during the student's class periods. This includes inside the classrooms, hallways during class periods, and bathroom and common space visits during the student's class periods. These devices must be turned in to the teacher upon entry of the classroom.
- Students are not allowed to have mobile phones or personal devices of any kind at Mass, or in assemblies. These items should remain in the classroom.
- Mobile phone use is permitted during lunch periods and passing periods, although students are encouraged to minimize use to focus on their friends and relationships.
- Earphones, headphones, and Air Pods may not be used or visible during school hours except in classrooms with teacher approval for educational purposes only. This prohibits use of these types of wearable technology during passing periods and lunch periods.
- Smart watches are permitted to be worn during the school day but may not cause a distraction during classes, Mass, or assemblies.
- Teachers may collect all technology in the classroom during tests and exams. This includes mobile phones, smart watches, and any other personal electronics in students' possession.
- Other wearable technology is subject to the same principles and the discretion of the school administration.

If a student does not adhere to the expectations listed above the following will take place:

- Upon 1st offense the educator will take the device(s) and return them to the student at the end of the period and the educator will also document this action as an infraction in PowerSchool.
- Upon 2nd offense the educator will take the device(s) and deliver them to the Student Services Office. The student can pick up the device(s) at the end of the day. The teacher will document this action as an infraction in PowerSchool.
- Upon 3rd offense the educator will immediately send the student to the Student Services Office with all their possessions and the student will remain with Student Services throughout the remainder of the period. The teacher will document this action as an infraction in PowerSchool.
- Upon 4th offense the educator will immediately send the student to the Student Services Office with all their possessions and the student will be immediately

suspended. The teacher will document the interaction as an infraction in PowerSchool.

- Upon 5th offense the educator will immediately send the student to the Student Services Office with all their possessions and the student will be immediately suspended. The student will be subject to a discipline board hearing. The teacher will document the interaction as an infraction in PowerSchool.