

POSSESSION AND USE OF CELL PHONES AND/OR WEARABLE TECHNOLOGY

Students may possess privately owned technological devices including cell phones, iPads, iPods, tablets and other such devices with internet access not listed where the screen is under 11" in size and wearable technology. Except to the extent required by a student's Individualized Educational Plan and 504 plan and/or for other reasons approved in writing by the building principal, all students are prohibited from using privately owned technology devices during instructional time.

Students may bring cell phones and/or smart watches to school but must ensure that they are turned off or on silent mode and placed in a district issued cell phone pouch during class instruction. Teachers have class sets of these pouches. Students will place their device(s) into the cell phone pouch immediately upon entering each class & place the pouch on top of the desk. At the conclusion of class, students will take their devices out of the pouches and travel to their next class where the same procedure will take place.

Students are prohibited from using cell phones, wearable technology, and similar devices in the school bathrooms.

In addition, the use of privately owned technology devices for an improper purpose is prohibited. Improper purposes include, but are not limited to:

1. Sending any form of harassing, threatening, or intimidating message, at any time, to any person (*such communications may also be a crime*);
2. Gaining or seeking to gain unauthorized access to Board Technology Resources; • Damaging Board Technology Resources (*including district provided pouches*);
3. Accessing or attempting to access any material that is obscene or contains pornography;
4. Cyber bullying;
5. Using such device to violate any school rule, including the unauthorized recording, listening into, streaming, or broadcasting (*photo/audio/video*) of another individual without the permission of the individual or a school staff member, or
6. Taking any action prohibited by any Federal or State law.

School rules related to the use of cell phones, including but not limited to, refusing to utilize district-issued cell phone pouches, follow directives to place their cell phones in the classroom collection area and/or relinquish their cell phones to the administration, will receive appropriate disciplinary consequences of a progressive nature which may include the following:

First Offense: The administrator or designee takes the cell phone and holds it until the end of the school day.

Second Offense: The administrator or designee takes the cell phone and contacts the parent/guardian to discuss the incident and to schedule the retrieval of the phone. The student will also receive a detention after school

Third Offense: The student will be issued In-School Suspension (ISS) and the phone will be retrieved by the parent/guardian.

An accumulation of disciplinary infractions, included those related to cell phone misuse and defiance, may lead to suspension or possible expulsion if chronic non-compliance is evident.