



John Glenn Cell Phone Guidelines

At John Glenn Middle School, we are committed to the success of all students! It has become clear that our students are struggling with the responsibilities that come with having a cell phone at school and navigating social media, messaging apps, gaming, TikTok, etc... Many times these factors distract students from focusing on academics and building positive relationships with peers and adults. We are implementing these guidelines because we want to minimize distractions, give students a break from the pressures of social media, and most importantly, improve their social-emotional well-being and academic achievement.

Expectations: Students may bring cell phones to school at their own risk. John Glenn Middle School is not responsible for any damaged, lost, or stolen phones/devices. Cell phones/electronic devices, including airpods, MUST be put away during the school day and are turned off/silenced from 7:30 AM - 2:00 PM.

If students choose to bring a cell phone to school, expectations are as follows:

- All cell phones/airpods must be put away and turned off or placed on silent by 7:30AM.
- Cell phones/airpods are not allowed to be out anywhere in school.
- Students who use cell phones/airpods during the school day will have their device confiscated.
- Using a cell phone to record or take photos of staff and/or students is not allowed without permission in advance given by the individual being recorded or photographed.
- Recording or taking photos of peers with the intent to bully or harass is not permitted.
- Using social media or messaging apps, or using a cell phone to spread rumors, bully, tease, exclude or create a hostile/unsafe environment will result in disciplinary action.
- Sharing or asking other students for inappropriate content is not permitted.
- Inappropriate use of social media or messaging apps outside of school hours and/or off school property may result in disciplinary action at school.

Next Steps for phone use during the school day or for inappropriate use that affects school climate:

First Offense

all offenses are documented

Phone/device is confiscated.
Student may pick up phone/device at the end of class.

Second Offense

all offenses are documented

Phone/device is confiscated for the rest of the day.
Student may pick up phone/device at the end of the day from the main office.

Third Offense

all offenses are documented

Phone/device is confiscated for the rest of the day.
Student must turn in their phone/device to the main office at the beginning of the school day for 5 consecutive days.

Fourth Offense

all offenses are documented

Phone/device is confiscated and held until it is picked up by a parent/guardian. A phone plan will be developed between administration, student and family.