



Student Technology/Cell Phone Policy at Mesa

The DCSD technology/Cell Phone policy:

- Asks students to use technology responsibly, however school administration may guide the extent of its usage within the building.
- Inappropriate technology use is a discipline issue. It takes away student learning time and damages both peer relationships and student/staff relationships.
- Bringing a cell phone or electronic device to school is a privilege.

Student Expectations when using technology:

- Your phone **MUST** be off and in your backpack during school hours **(7:30-2:45)**.
 - Unless a staff member allows it for use as an educational tool.
- Using technology (social media, text, etc.) in a way that threatens or harms myself or others inside or outside of school is prohibited.
- You **MUST** report any harmful, threatening, or bullying behavior (written, picture, or video) to Safe2Tell, police, parents, and/or staff members immediately.
- If asked, failure to give my phone to school personnel is an act of defiance and will result in additional school consequences.

Parent Expectations:

- I will monitor my child's use of their technology device and reinforce the student expectation, policy, and contract with my child.
- I will ensure my child understands the implications of misuse of technology (social media, texts, etc.) that threatens or harms them or others, and will report any harmful, threatening, or bullying behavior (written, picture or video) to Safe2Tell, police, parents, or staff members immediately.
- I understand if I call or text my child during the school day, it may result in a tech violation for my child.
- I will call the Mesa Main Office at: 303-387-4750, for any communication, emergency or otherwise, during school hours of 7:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

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TECHNOLOGY/CELL PHONE VIOLATION STEPS:

Should a staff member find a student in violation of our technology policy as outlined above, it will be addressed in the following manner:

1st offense: Teacher provides warning regarding use of device.

2nd offense: Device confiscated, provided at the end of class, parents/guardians notified.

3rd offense: Device confiscated, brought to the office until the end of the day, parents/guardians notified.

4th offense: Device confiscated, parents/guardians pick up the device from the office. The student will lose the privilege of bringing the device on campus indefinitely and an incentive plan may be created to earn the privilege back in the future.

Helpful Tools in Monitoring your Child's Device:

- If you choose to provide your child with a technology device, consider implementing a contract at home with your child that contains clear, consistent, and enforceable expectations.
- Common Sense Media <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/articles/cellphones-and-devices>
- Parental Control <https://www.verywellfamily.com/best-parental-control-apps-4779963>