



## Muncie Community Schools

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### CELL PHONES/WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE

A wireless communication device is a portable wireless device that has the capacity to provide voice, messaging, or other data communication between at least two parties, including a cellular telephone, tablet computer, laptop computer, or gaming device.

Elementary students are not permitted to have cell phones, wearable technology, or other expensive electronic devices. If devices are confiscated, parents will need to come to the school to retrieve the device.

For middle school students, the possession of personal cell phones on school property is permissible. *However, the phones must be turned off during the instructional day and in their locker, this includes earbuds and headphones.*

For high school students, the possession of personal cell phones on school property is permissible. *However, the phones must be turned off during the instructional day unless permitted by teacher-directed use for education purposes, approved use to manage the student's healthcare, and use in accordance with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 Plan. This includes earbuds and headphones.* These items must be put away during the instructional day.

The use of cell phones for calls, or wearable technology, for calls, photography, voice or text messaging is not permitted during instructional time. This use of cell phones, without permission, will result in the student being referred to an administrator. If students are concerned about these items being stolen, then they are to be left at home. Administration will not spend time investigating stolen student personal items that fall within this category. The school is not responsible for personal property that is lost or stolen at school.

Recording, sending, sharing, possessing or knowingly viewing pictures, text messages, e-mails, or other material of a sexual or violent nature, including physical fights, in electronic or hard-copy form is grounds for suspension and/or expulsion. Parents and students should be aware that any pictures, text messages, e-mails, or images suspected to violate criminal laws will be referred to law enforcement authorities. Parents will be notified as well as the Indiana Department of Child Services and/or Police officials.

For secondary students, earbuds and/or headphones are prohibited during passing periods. Earbuds or headphones are not to be used during class periods unless instructed to do so by a supervising adult.

Further information on responsible use of technology and internet use policy can be found [here](#).