

New Mark Middle School Electronic Device Procedures

Purpose

At New Mark Middle School, our goal is to create a warm, safe, academically focused environment for students. Student electronic device use at school has been identified as a tremendous obstacle to meeting that goal. District issued iPads have made student cell phones unnecessary for academics throughout the school day. The building practice outlined below has been developed in coordination with NKC Board Policies JG-R, EHB, and EHBA.

Boundary

- ***From 7:15am-2:12pm, student electronic device use is prohibited*** on any part of the New Mark campus (includes indoors and outdoors).
 - Student electronic devices, cell phones and wireless earbuds/ headphones should ***NOT be seen/heard/accessed*** for any reason.
- Students bringing electronic devices to school must keep them concealed and secured in their backpack or locker during the school day.
- Coaches and after-school sponsors will have their own device practices and procedures that support the mission of their respective programs.

Wireless Ear Buds/ Headphones make it very difficult for students to engage during class instruction and make it difficult for students to hear directions, etc. in common spaces such as hallways and cafeteria. This becomes a safety concern. Also, they are easy to lose and cause a disruption when this happens.

Students may use **wired** earbuds/headphones in classrooms with **teacher permission**.

Necessary Student/Family Communication

- New Mark has over 90 active landline phones that can be made available for necessary student communication.
- Guardians should **contact the front office at 816-321-5290 to communicate messages** to students or families may **contact students through district email**. Students have frequent access to district email via the district issued iPads.
 - Please do ***NOT call, text, or video-conference*** student electronic devices throughout the school day to help all students maintain a focus on academic achievement.

Consequences for Violations

Consequences will range from confiscation with parent contact up to and including after school detention and in-school suspension.

Students who bring personal electronic devices to school do so at their own risk. The district assumes no responsibility for lost, stolen, damaged or misplaced devices, including those that have been confiscated by district personnel. -NKC Board Policy EHBA