

Middle School Cell Phone Policy

Cell Phones/Learning Devices:

Students will be permitted to have a cellphone or personal device with them at school, but must adhere to the following:

- Devices must be stored out of sight and be in silent mode.
- May be used during instructional time only for academic purposes under the direction and supervision of the teacher or with authorization from the principal.
- In middle school, devices may only be used before school and after school.
- Students shall not violate the Bring your Learning Device (BYLD) guidelines.
- Devices shall not be used for photography or recording, unless at the direction of a teacher or administrator for academic purposes.
- Devices shall not be used for photographing, recording, or transmitting of a fight, assault, sexual material, drug related material, or gang-related material.

Disciplinary Action:

- Disciplinary action will include administrator warnings, In School Suspension, & Out of School Suspension.

Frequently Asked Questions:

When are students allowed to use their cell phones/smart devices?

Students are allowed to use their devices before and after school. For Woodstock Middle School, devices will need to be silenced and stored at 9:00 AM when our school day begins. During the day, students may use them only when a teacher or the principal provides permission to use them for an academic purpose. At 4:00 PM, students may use their devices as our school day is complete.

My student indicated that they are required to have a cell phone/smart device for their classes, is this correct?

No! Our classrooms and schools have Chromebooks, Ipads, and other devices that students are allowed to use during the school day. The school will never require a student to have a device. The decision to purchase a cell phone/smart device should be made by the parent.

How will my student know if they are allowed to use their cell phone/device in class?

Devices should always be silenced and stored during class. There are several ways a teacher may indicate that it is ok for students to use their cell phone/device as part of the lesson. Teachers may indicate on their Weekly Planner if there are days where cell phones may be used during a lesson. Teachers may also indicate during a lesson when it

is appropriate for students to use their cell phones to complete an assignment. However, teachers will not provide “free time” for students to listen to music, play games, access social media, etc. During the lesson, teachers will monitor student work, should a student be off task and using the cell phone/device inappropriately, they may be asked to store the device and/or assign appropriate classroom disciplinary consequences. When teachers indicate that the portion of the lesson requiring the cell phones/device is complete, students will need to silence and store the device at that time.

What about smart watches? Are they allowed?

We understand that many students depend on their smart watch to check the time during the day. However, the other functions of a smart watch could cause students to violate the CCSD Code of Conduct leading to potential disciplinary consequences. While the school will discuss appropriate use of smart watches with students, we encourage parents to also discuss appropriate use of these devices during the school day.

Can my student use their cell phone/device in the hallway, cafeteria, restroom, locker room, etc.?

Students are never permitted to use their cell phone/device in the restroom or locker room at any time. Students may also not use their devices in the hallway or cafeteria during the school day unless it is part of a classroom lesson under the supervision of the teacher.

What if I need to get in contact with my child during the day? Can I just call or text them?

While it is quick and easy to call or text your child during the school day, this can be very tempting for a student to feel the need to check their device or respond to the message. This would cause them to be in violation of the CCSD Code of Conduct. If you need to get a message to your child, please call the school and we will make sure we get the message to them. If they need to reach you, we are happy to allow them to call you from our front office.

Do you monitor student social media accounts?

School staff do not monitor student social media accounts. However, when harmful, hurtful, or threatening messages or images are posted on social media, they many times are shared with teachers, counselors, and administrators by concerned students and parents. Students may also report these to administration through the Vector Alert system. When made aware of these types of posts, administration will investigate these posts to determine what impact they have had on our student body. Administrators will then determine what next steps need to be taken. This may include parent contact, referral to a school counselor, or disciplinary action if a violation of the CCSD Code of Conduct has been found.

Middle School Dress Code Policy

Dress Code:

CCSD recently made updates to the dress code for the 2024-2025 school year. We hope that you will take time to review these with your student as we work to provide clear, consistent expectations for student attire. The purpose of these updates is to promote a safe and orderly learning environment while preparing students for future success in the workplace.

CCSD Student Dress Code:

The District's Student Dress Code was developed through the direction of the Superintendent and with the cooperation of parents, students, teachers and administrators. The following regulations regarding the dress code apply to students while on school grounds, while remote learning, while participating in school extracurricular activities, or while on any transportation vehicle owned or used by CCSD. Reasonable exceptions are permitted for religious practices and beliefs.

- Clothing and jewelry must not unreasonably disrupt the learning environment. Clothing and jewelry depicting or promoting vulgarity, alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, other controlled substances, pornography, nudity, sexual acts, profanity, gang identifiers, and hate speech are prohibited. Any other clothing or jewelry that creates an actual disruption (in the judgment of the principal) is prohibited.
- Hooded shirts/sweatshirts may be worn. The hood must be removed from covering the head during school hours and while on campus. Headwear that obscures a student's face, neck, and ears is prohibited. No hats are allowed.
- Shorts and skirts must be reasonable in length, appropriate for the school environment, and visible at all times.
- Clothing must completely cover private parts, undergarments, and buttocks. Clothing must completely cover the midriff.
- Strapless garments must be worn with a jacket or similar clothing.

Students will be responsible for signing off on receiving and understanding the District Code of Conduct linked [HERE](#). Please review with your student prior to coming to school on August 1.