



# Grades 6-12 Personal Technology Expectations

## Rationale & Purpose:

Student use of cell phones and other Personal Technology during the school day has created unnecessary distractions that prevent students from learning. In addition, research indicates that cell phone use can have a negative impact on the social and emotional development of students. Our goal is to help students be fully present within the classroom setting in order to get the most out of their education. Students have received a chromebook and charger from FPS for their school use.

## What is Personal Technology?

Phones, tablets, headphones/Airpods, gaming devices, and any other non-school issued personal technology.

## Middle School Students (Grades 6-8)

- Students must have their Personal Technology turned off and in their lockers/backpacks between 7:30 am-2:35 pm.
- Personal Technology may **NOT** be used during lunchtime or other break times during the school day. We strongly believe that students should be socializing and interacting with each other at school, rather than with their devices.
- During class, students may **NOT** use their Personal Technology for calculators, to check the time, music, reading a book, checking their grades, texting their parents, or for any other reason. If there is a medical reason to use Personal Technology, please contact administration to discuss.
- All the technology students need for learning at school will be provided by the school and students will generally **NOT** be asked to use Personal Technology for instruction.
- Personal Technology is only permitted for instructional purposes with teacher permission and administrator approval.

## Middle School Violations of the FPS Personal Technology Expectations will result in the following:

**1st Violation:** The student will turn over their Personal Technology without argument. Students can retrieve their Personal Technology at the end of the school day from the main office.

**2nd Violation:** The student will turn over their Personal Technology without argument. A parent/guardian will be contacted and the Personal Technology will be required to be retrieved by a parent or legal guardian.

**3rd Violation:** The student will turn over their Personal Technology without argument. A parent/guardian will be contacted and moving forward the students will turn in their Personal Technology to the main office each morning and pick it up at the end of each day.

*Persistent violations and/or refusal to comply with the Personal Technology Expectations can result in further disciplinary action up to and including suspension.*



## **High School Students (Grades 9-12)**

- Students must have their Personal Technology turned off and put away and cell phones must be put in the classroom caddy during all classes.
- Electronic devices may be used during lunchtime and passing times.
- During class, students may **NOT** use their Personal Technology for any reason including using them for calculators, to check the time, music, reading a book, checking their grades, or texting their parents. If there is a medical reason to use a cell phone, please contact administration to discuss further.
- All the technology students need for learning at school will be provided by the school and students will generally **NOT** be asked to use cell phones for instruction.

## **High School Violations of the FPS Personal Technology Expectations will result in the following:**

**1st violation:** Personal Technology will be turned over to the teacher without argument. The student can retrieve their phone at the end of the hour.

**2nd violation:** Personal Technology will be turned into the main office without argument. Students can retrieve their Personal Technology at the end of the school day.

**3rd violation and all additional violations:** The student will be sent to the office and will turn their Personal Technology into an administrator without argument. A parent/guardian will be contacted and the device will be required to be retrieved by a parent or designated adult at the end of the school day.

*Persistent violations and/or refusal to comply with the Personal Technology Expectations can result in further disciplinary action up to and including suspension.*