

Transition Education Center

Cell Phone and Personal Electronics Guidelines

Our goal is to enhance learning and support social development by minimizing distractions during the school day. These guidelines are designed to emphasize a focus on academics and positive social interactions. To foster a focused and respectful environment, we ask that electronic devices, including cell phones, smart watches, and earbuds/AirPods, be handled according to our guidelines.

Cell phones and/or earbuds/AirPods brought to school must be in airplane mode or turned off and placed in the classroom phone caddy during class time.

- Smart watches should only be used as traditional watches, checking the time/date, during class time.
- Students are allowed to use cell phones, earbuds/AirPods during breakfast/lunch, passing time, and Bear Time.

Teachers will ask students found in violation of the no-cell-phone guidelines to place their phone in a classroom phone caddy for the remainder of the class period.

Students who refuse to comply with the invitation to place their phone in the classroom phone caddy will receive a behavior referral. The teacher will review expectations with the student and contact the parent/guardian.

If a pattern of non-compliance is documented, the phone may be safely confiscated for the remainder of that day and/or the following day. A meeting will be scheduled to discuss non-compliance and determine next steps to support the student in meeting the expectations.

