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Eastlake Cell Phone Policy 2024-2025

Our cell phone policy intended to maximize student learning and develop a set of appropriate academic and workplace standards: **Student cell phones must be put away and not touched during class time.**

Our primary focus is student learning and student engagement. We recognize that although cell phones have become an integral part of our lives, their presence can have a negative impact on the student learning experience and the classroom environment. That impact can range from simple distraction to harmful behaviors like disruption, harassment and bullying, academic dishonesty, and friends coordinating with each other to leave their classrooms. As such, the staff and administration at Eastlake require that student cell phones be put away and not touched for the duration of each class period. This includes Wolf Time and it includes our hallways. This also includes the use of other Personal Electronic Devices (PEDs) during class time, including ear buds, headphones, and handheld video games.

Teachers will require cell phones to be away during class time, not used unless permitted by a teacher for a specific academic purpose. Some teachers will direct students to keep their phones in their backpacks or pockets, while others will direct students to stow their phone in a container or wall pouch away from student desks during the class period.

In the interest of creating expectations that are consistent and predictable for our students, all EHS teachers will implement the same rules and procedures regarding cell phones in each of your student's classes.

Some important details regarding use of phones in schools:

1. Students are not permitted to take their phones when leaving classrooms to use the restroom. Students who have/are using their cell phones in hallways during class periods and restrooms will be subject to disciplinary consequences.
2. Students will be able to use their cell phones before/after school, during passing periods, and during their assigned lunch period.
3. Students will be allowed to get their cell phones during fire drills or other evacuation drills, since we may not know at the time if it is a drill or an actual emergency.
4. Students with a documented legal accommodation or medical need to use a phone (such as using an app to monitor blood sugar) will, of course, still be permitted to do so. Their expectation will be to inform their teacher, use their phone for its approved purpose, and then put the phone away again.

Respectfully, we request that families/guardians refrain from contacting students via cell phone during class time. If you need to reach your student in an emergency situation please contact our Main Office at 425-936-1500.

If a student is struggling to meet these expectations, Eastlake staff will respond as follows:

Teacher response to initial cell phone behaviors:

1. Give student(s) 1-2 reminders and reteach the expectation.
2. Contact parents regarding cell phone behavior and concerns about the impact of cell phone use on student learning.

2nd Violation:

1. Teacher/staff completes a discipline referral in Skyward. Staff should not assign detention at this time.
2. Dean/Admin or SSPS (campus security) will address cell phone issue with student, follow-up with parent, and report outcome to referring teacher.

If the above interventions for violations do not result in behavior change, Eastlake SSPS will proceed with the following steps:

3rd Violation: SSPS will require the student to store their device safely in the office until the end of the day.

4th Violation: SSPS will require the student to store their device safely in the office until the end of the day + Discipline Consequence.

5th Violation: SSPS will require the student to lock their device safely in the office until the end of the day + Parent/Guardian will be required to come to campus to discuss incident and pick up the phone.

6th Violation: Student will no longer be permitted to have a phone on campus. Further violations will be considered Willful Disobedience.