



Fairview Park City School District

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Dear Fairview Park Families,

House Bill 250, signed into law by Governor Mike DeWine on May 15, 2024, requires all Ohio school districts to establish a policy governing student cell phone usage during school hours. At the March 18 Board of Education meeting, the Fairview Park City School Board of Education introduced Policy 6.61 – Student Use of Cell Phones in Schools. In compliance with House Bill 250, our district is required to implement new guidelines to minimize distractions, support student focus, and promote overall well-being. The second reading of this policy is scheduled for April 15, and upon approval, it would go into effect on Monday, April 28, 2025, following spring break.

Key Points of the Policy:

- Cell phones must be “**off and away**” during school hours unless explicitly authorized for educational or health/medical purposes.
- The policy aims to reduce classroom distractions, improve academic engagement, and support student mental health.
- Clear guidelines for enforcement will be communicated before implementation.

Research shows that cell phone use during school hours negatively impacts students’ ability to focus, increases anxiety and depression, and reduces overall academic performance. By implementing this policy, we hope to create a more productive learning environment for all students.

We appreciate your support as we make this transition. [For more information about the proposed cell phone policy, click here](#). If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact me directly via email or [submit feedback through this link](#).

Sincerely,

Keith Ahearn, Superintendent

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