

CELL PHONE/PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

It is the policy of the Piedmont Board of Education that all Personal Electronic Devices (PED) must be turned off and put away during the school day. PEDs include but are not limited to cellular phones, smart phones, smart watches, tablets, ear pods, headphones, and gaming devices. Gaming devices will only be permitted in the E-Sports classroom. All PEDs must be turned off and put away.

1. In MS and HS, PEDs must be turned off and put away from the first bell ringing to start the school day until the dismissal bell at the end of the school day. Personal Electronic Devices are not to be out during instruction time, passing periods, restroom breaks, lunch or any other time during the school day.
2. At ECC/NW/PES/SR/PI - PEDs must be turned off and kept in the student's backpack/bag at all times. PEDs are not permitted to be used during instruction, at lunch, on the playground, restroom breaks or any other time during the school day.

All students will be allowed to carry their PED, but they must be turned off and in a backpack.

The school and its employees are not responsible for any theft or damage for any cell phone/PED while on school grounds. The school is not obligated to investigate the loss or damage of a cell phone/PED. Any deviation from this plan will be at the discretion of school administration.

Exceptions to this policy may be granted by the building principal for unique situations such as, but not limited to:

1. Emergency use of cell phones or personal electronic devices by students during the school day.
2. Use of cell phones or personal electronic devices by students who use them to monitor health issues.

**CONSEQUENCES FOR CELL PHONE OR PED
USE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL**

- No warning - much communication on the front end of this.
- 1st Offense: Detention with parent contact.
- 2nd Offense: One day of In School Intervention (ISI) with parent contact
- 3rd Offense: Three days of ISI or out of school suspension at administrator discretion and parent contact.
- 4th Offense: Conference with parents and work together to develop a future solution.
- Each 9 week period, consequences and offenses “reset” to zero.

**CONSEQUENCES FOR CELL PHONE PED USE ELEMENTARY AND
INTERMEDIATE FOR**

- 1st Offense - Warning
- 2nd Offense - PED kept in a secure office location until the end of the school day.
- 3rd Offense: Parent picks up the PED from a secure office location.