



Personal Electronic Device Policy

Pursuant to Oklahoma Statutes, Section 1-126, Title 70

Devices Off — Learning On

Spending less time on personal devices during school helps students stay focused, feel less stressed, and connect more with their learning and each other. By keeping personal devices off and put away during the school day, we create an environment where students can do their best in school, build friendships, and take care of their well-being.

This new policy is in agreement with the new state law regarding prohibiting students from using electronic devices from bell-to-bell (as defined in the statute “bell to bell” means the time between the first bell ringing at the start of the school day to begin instructional time until the dismissal bell at the end of the school day to end instructional time.)

Expectations for Students

All students are expected to keep personal electronic devices turned off and out of sight during the instructional day. Personal electronic devices include, cell phones, earbuds, headphones, iPods, smartwatches, smart glasses, and any other device that can connect to the internet, a cell phone, or a cellular or Wi-Fi network.

This effort helps us create a better learning environment by reducing distractions and encouraging students to stay engaged. Families can always reach their child by calling the school office. Students may request to go to the office to use the phone to call their parents or guardians during the instructional day.

Guidelines for Students & Families

- **Bringing a Device is a Personal Choice** – Durant Public Schools cannot guarantee the safety of personal devices. Students bring their personal electronic devices at their own risk. To avoid loss or damage, we recommend leaving all devices at home.
- **Devices Should Stay Out of Sight** – Personal devices must be put away and should not be used on campus. This includes but is not limited to passing periods, bathrooms, the cafeteria, and hallways.
- **Keep Devices Off** – If a personal device makes noise in class thereby disrupting the educational environment, it will be treated as a policy violation as if the student had the device out.
- **Lost or Stolen Devices** – If students bring a personal device to school, we recommend having a tracking app. Teachers and staff cannot take time from instruction to search for lost or missing devices that students choose to bring to school at their own risk.
- **Need to Reach Your Student?** – In case of an emergency, parents/guardians can call the front office, and a message will be delivered to your child.
- **Students Needing to Call Home** – If a student needs to contact a parent/guardian, they may request to use the phone in the main office.
- **Medical Use** – Students who need to use a personal device for medical purposes must provide documentation from a qualified medical professional.

This policy helps us create a space where students can focus on learning, build strong relationships, and enjoy their school day without unnecessary distractions.

Campus staff may provide a designated area within the classroom during class time to store personal electronic devices.

Please remember that Durant Public Schools may not be held responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged devices, even if they have been confiscated.

Consequences

Students who violate this policy will have their personal electronic device confiscated and a parent/guardian will need to pick up the device. A further violation of this policy will result in disciplinary actions, which may include loss of recess or a day in AC (ISS). Subsequent violations may result in additional consequences at the discretion of administrator.

If a student refuses confiscation of a device, the student may be immediately suspended, receive AC(ISS) or other disciplinary action rendered at the discretion of the administration.