

CELL PHONE POLICY

The Fresno High Community would like to inform you about an important school policy taking place this upcoming school year. All Fresno High School classrooms will be “cell phone free zones” as well as any cell phone accessories or communication devices. **Assembly Bill No. 3216** authorizes a governing board to regulate the possession or use of electronic devices. All cell phones will be securely stowed away during class time. This is a change from previous years when teachers set their own policies.

Our school has agreed that a consistent school-wide policy to eliminate cell phone use during instructional periods will help students stay more present and engaged in their learning. Our intent is to support all our students in their academic success by removing a major temptation and distraction. We ask that parents/families use the main office when communicating messages from home or school. If students need to make an emergency call during the day, they will need to come to the main office. If you need to contact your child during school hours, please contact the main office. If a cell phone/ electronic device rings, vibrates, or is used for any reason without teacher permission, or is visible anytime during class time or if you are caught using it on campus during class time, a staff member will confiscate the device.

Summary of Cell Phone Policy

- Cell phones are prohibited from use in classrooms and any other area in which academic work is being done. School issued devices will be the primary tool for instruction needing technology/Applications
- Parents can communicate with students by calling the main office.
- **ParentSquare** will be used for important school updates, including emergency notifications.

Cell Phone Policy Consequences:*

- **1st Violation:** The student will receive a verbal warning from the teacher. The phone will not be confiscated if the student is able to comply with the initial violation.
- **2nd Violation:** A referral is written, and the cell phone or mobile device is held in school office until student picks up after their last class.
- **3rd Violation:** A referral is written; the cell phone or mobile device is held in school office until a parent/guardian picks it up.**

Chronic Violations: Parent Meeting will be held with an administrator. Students must check in their cell phone each day by first school bell and pick up after the last scheduled class for the rest of the school year.

Students who do not follow teacher directives will be acting in defiance which could result in disciplinary action

***Confiscated Cell Phones will be arranged to be picked up by parents/guardians and vice principal.*

***It should be noted that neither the school nor any of its employees are responsible for the loss or damage to any student's phone or electronic devices, whether in the student's possession or confiscated by the staff. It is the responsibility of the student to adhere to this policy and to always secure his or her belongings. Classes and/or instruction will not be stopped to deal with or search for lost phones/devices.*

Emergency Protocols: ParentSquare will be the primary source of information communicated to parents during an emergency; students can still communicate through staff-approved procedures. Parents are encouraged to use ParentSquare for immediate contact with the school rather than texting students directly during class hours.

Your Support Matters

- We recognize this is a shift and may require adjustments at home as well. This is a commitment to helping our students thrive.
- Talk to your child about the benefits of disconnecting during the school day.
- Use school communication tools like ParentSquare to stay in touch when needed.

This policy is subject to revision as necessary, and any changes will be communicated to parents accordingly.