

Dreher 2025-26 Cell Phone & Electronic Device Procedures

To maximize instruction and student achievement, and in accordance with South Carolina's "Free to Focus" legislation, electronic device usage is not permitted on campus at Dreher High School during school hours. Device and accessories include, but are not limited to, the use of all electronic devices, smart watches, tablets, AirPods / earbuds, headphones, and gaming devices. Acceptable storage locations during the school day are backpacks, purses / pocketbooks, lockers, and cars. If students are found using any of the above electronic devices during school hours, the following procedures will be followed:

1. The student will be asked to power the device off and store it completely away and out of sight. Backpacks, purses / pocketbooks, etc. are acceptable storage locations.
2. If the student does not comply, the following procedures will be followed:

1st Offense: Teacher will confiscate the device for the remainder of the class period and document the offense in ABE notes.

2nd Offense: Teacher will confiscate the phone and turn it in to the Main Office. Student can pick up the device at the end of the school day. Teacher will document via ABE notes.

3rd Offense: Teacher will confiscate the phone and turn it in to the Main Office. A parent or guardian can pick up the device at the end of the school day. Teacher will document via ABE notes.

4th Offense: Teacher will confiscate the phone and turn it in to the Main Office. Teacher will submit a disciplinary referral to the appropriate administrator in ABE. A parent or guardian must conference with an administrator for the device to be returned. (Referral Code: 330—Phone Violation)

5th Offense: Teacher will confiscate the phone and turn it in to the Main Office. Teacher will submit a disciplinary referral to the appropriate administrator in ABE for all subsequent offenses. (Referral Code: 270—Refusal to Obey)

3. If a student refuses to comply with #1 (not properly storing the device away) and also refuses to turn the phone over to teacher / staff member when asked, the student will receive a disciplinary referral in ABE. (Referral Code: 270—Refusal to Obey)

Device Consequences:

- a. **5th Offense:** 1 half-day ISS
- b. **6th Offense:** 1 full-day ISS
- c. **7th Offense:** 2 full days ISS
- d. **8th Offense:** 1 full day OSS
- e. **9th Offense:** 2 full days OSS
- f. **10th Offense and beyond:** Student placed on behavior contract. Custom appropriate disciplinary consequence.