



***All GSD students will graduate with a positive Deaf identity  
as bilinguals in American Sign Language and English,  
and will be prepared to make successful life choices.***

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Sharion Gooden, Superintendent

August 1, 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Georgia School for the Deaf, in accordance with state law, restricts the use of personal technology devices during the school day for all students. The recently adopted law, Georgia House Bill 340: The Georgia Distraction-Free Education Act, bans personal communication devices such as smartphones, tablets, smartwatches and headphones from the first to the last bell of the school day for all students in kindergarten through eighth grade. Schools have the option to include all grades K-12. This includes instructional time, breaks, transitions, assemblies and other school-related activities.

Georgia School for The Deaf restricts use of personal communication devices for all students K-12. Student devices are stored in the dormitories during the school day for dormitory students. Day students turn in devices to their first period teacher at the beginning of the school day. All students are allowed to access their devices at the end of the school day.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the school at (706) 777-2200, or fill out the online request for contact on the school website at [www.gsdweb.org](http://www.gsdweb.org).

Sincerely,

Sharion Gooden  
Superintendent