



Newport High School

Cell Phone and Mobile Device Guidelines (HIGH SCHOOL)

Newport High School recognizes the value of digital communication and collaboration in the context of a modern learning environment. Cell phones/electronic devices may serve as outstanding tools and learning resources if used appropriately. We encourage our staff members and our students to use electronics and other 21st century technology to supplement instruction and learning. However, it has been proven that students who are on cell phones or other electronic devices when it is not part of the instructional lesson are not fully engaged in learning.

We are committed to “DISTRACTION-FREE LEARNING” with the goal of preserving the integrity of our learning environments and reducing unnecessary distractions in classrooms, and will enforce the following at our high schools:

- Use of wireless devices at school is a privilege (including cell phones, smart watches, and other personal mobile or wearable technology).
- Wireless devices are not to be used in any learning space or instructional time during school hours.
- Cell phones must be in “Silent Mode,” (or turned off) including no haptics (vibrations) or other notifications when at school. Smart Watches must be in “Airplane Mode.”
- Earbuds and headphones are not allowed, except when associated with a teacher-approved educational purpose, used as an assistive technology, or used as part of a personal/individual plan.
- Wireless devices are allowed in common areas during non-instructional time.

Policy Violation Consequences:

1st and 2nd Offense

- The device will be confiscated* and delivered to the office.
- Parents/Guardian will be notified.
- Devices are held in the office until the end of the day.
- Student or parent/guardian will sign for the device when picking it up from the office.

Subsequent Offenses

- The device will be confiscated* and delivered to the office.
- Parent/Guardian will be notified.
- Devices are held in the office until the end of the day.
- Student or parent/guardian will sign for the device when picking it up from the office.
- Parent/Guardian and student will conference with an administrator or designee.
- Student will serve in-school disciplinary consequences followed by progressive discipline for insubordination/defiance for any subsequent infractions.

*Refusal to turn over the device is considered defiance and will result in the appropriate progressive disciplinary action.

Need to get hold of a student? Emergency? CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE (509-447-2481).

NOTE! Per Revised Code of Washington (RCW 9.73.030) it is critical that parents and students understand that using an electronic device to video and/or record another person without the person's expressed consent is illegal. The only exception to this law is prior arrangement with a teacher to record a lecture to be used for educational purposes and cannot be posted to publicly accessible sites, including “closed/password protected” sites.