



NMS Cell Phone Policies and Procedures



As we continue to strive for excellence in education at Northwoods Middle School, we want to ensure that our students are provided with the best possible learning environment. To this end, we are implementing school-wide expectations and procedures to minimize disruption to the learning environment and to align to South Carolina law and CCSD policy regarding cell phone usage.

[Policy JICJ, "Prohibition of Personal Electronic Devices During the School Day"](#)

ELECTRONICS/CELL PHONES-Earbuds/headphone

The South Carolina State Department of Education has a no cell phone policy during the day. Any phones/headphones seen out during the day will be confiscated and a parent/guardian will need to pick the phone up from the school at the end of the day. ALL phones/headphones are to be in the off position and completely out of site during the school day from 8:15-3:30.

Per the CCSD Code of Conduct, "Middle School Students (6th - 8th grade) may possess mobile telephones, smartphones or other such devices on school property and school-sponsored transportation, provided they are not visible, used or activated, and are kept in the off mode to block all alerts throughout the instructional school day and while on school-sponsored transportation. Middle school students must keep their mobile telephones, smartphones or other such devices in a pocket, purse, or other non-visible secure location.

Once again: Those devices not stored properly by students, and visible during the day, will be confiscated by NWMS staff. Confiscated cell phones will only be returned to students when the parent or guardian of the student meets with an administrator about the device.

Responsibility/Liability: Any student who chooses to bring a cellular phone or other communication devices to school shall do so at his or her own risk and shall be personally responsible for the security of his or her cellular phone or wireless communication device. Neither the school personnel or Board will assume any responsibility or liability for loss, theft, damage or vandalism to a cellular phone or other wireless communication device brought onto school property, or for the unauthorized use of any such device.