

McLane High School – No Cell Phone Policy

Purpose

McLane High School is committed to creating a safe, focused, and respectful learning environment. Cell phones and personal electronic devices can distract from instruction, disrupt classroom activities, and reduce face-to-face interaction. This policy supports students in building healthy boundaries with technology so learning and relationships remain our top priority.

Policy Overview

1. In Classrooms

- Cell phones, smartwatches with messaging capability, earbuds, and headphones must be powered off or on silent mode and kept out of sight during instructional time.
- Device use in class is only allowed if the teacher authorizes it for a specific learning activity.
- Earbuds, headphones, and smartwatches with messaging capability are not permitted during instructional time unless approved by staff.

2. Emergencies

- Parents/guardians can call the main office at (559) 248-5100 if they need to reach a student.
- Students may request to use the office phone when necessary.

3. Corrective Actions for Policy Violations

Our approach focuses on helping students understand the impact of their choices, repair trust, and re-engage in learning:

1st Corrective Action – Reminder & Reset:

Teacher/staff provides a verbal reminder and gives the student the opportunity to put the device away without penalty.

2nd Corrective Action – Temporary Hold by Teacher:

Teacher holds the device until the end of the class period. At the end of class, the device is returned, along with a brief check-in to discuss the importance of staying present in learning.

3rd Corrective Action – Device Held in AC203 Until End of Day:

Device is taken to AC203 and held until the end of the school day. Parent/guardian is notified, and the student participates in a short restorative conversation to address the impact of the behavior and plan for success moving forward.

4th Corrective Action – Parent Pick-Up or Meeting with Administrator:

For students who are non-compliant with the above steps, the device will be held until a

parent/guardian comes to pick it up or meets with an administrator to discuss the ongoing concern and develop a plan for improvement.

4. Special Exceptions

Students with documented medical or special education needs may be granted exceptions with administrative approval.

Student & Parent Acknowledgment

All students and parents/guardians review and agree to the No Cell Phone Policy during the annual school registration process.

Effective Date

August 18, 2025 – This policy will be enforced throughout the entire school year.

Our Goal

To help students build self-management skills, strengthen in-person relationships, and fully engage in their learning community.