



Norwell Middle School

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Hello Students, Parents and Caregivers,

September 22 we sent out a message that had handbook reminders and one of them was regarding Smart Watches. We said we would send out a notice after our next faculty meeting, which was yesterday. Mr. Dupille and I met with grade level teams prior and it was determined that the smart watches do pose a distraction to learning. We are going to move forward with what is written in the handbook and smart watches are no longer allowed during school hours, 7:25 - 1:58pm. Students that wear them to school will be asked to put them in their lockers or back packs until the end of the school day. Please see the handbook policy below:

Electronic Devices: *Norwell Middle School understands the benefit that certain electronic devices can provide to student learning; therefore, we have supplied each student with an iPad for use in school. Personal electronic devices, including but not limited to tablets, e-readers, cell phones, smart watches, music players, laser pointers, hand-held games, laptops, or similar devices, should not be used during the school day unless prior authorization is given. Headphones and ear buds should not be used or worn without permission of a teacher.*

Unauthorized student use of personal electronic devices will result in the device being confiscated and given to an administrator. After the first offense, the device will be returned to the student at the end of the school day after a conference with administration. After the second offense, the device will be returned to the student's parent/guardian at the end of the school day. Multiple offenses may result in greater disciplinary action. In particular, cell phones and smart watches should be turned off and placed in student's lockers at the beginning of the day and remain there until student dismissal.

Parents/guardians should not call or text students during the school day as calls and texts are disruptive to the educational process for the student and for other students in the class. In the event that a parent/guardian deems it necessary to contact their child during the school day, they may do so by contacting the main office directly.

Thank you,

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