



# Cellphones, Smartwatches, Headphones, & Personal Devices

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Student Expectations

- What is the policy regarding student use of cellphones and smartwatches during the school day?
  - Cellphones and smartwatches must be turned off and put away during instructional time. Students may use their devices during class changes and at lunch.
- Can students wear earbuds or headphones during class?
  - No. Earbuds and headphones must be stored during instructional time.
- Are students allowed to use personal technology devices (i.e., personal laptop, tablet, etc.) during the school day?
  - No. Given the potential for a student to use their personal device to bypass district security filters, students will not be allowed to use personal devices during the school day.

### Medical Conditions: Accommodations

- My student has a documented medical need that requires access to a cellphone or smartwatch during instructional time. Will this be accommodated?
  - Yes. The school/district will coordinate a healthcare plan with your family. Please contact Chief of Student Services Michele Sayles-Harris via email ([msaylesharris@marietta-city.k12.ga.us](mailto:msaylesharris@marietta-city.k12.ga.us)) or phone (770-422-3500, ext. 7238).

### Instructional Use

- Will teachers continue using phones or social media for assignments?
  - No. Teachers are expected to design lessons that do not require personal devices or social media accounts.
- What if a course or program needs phone access?
  - Teachers may request exceptions for instructional purposes, subject to administrative approval. This includes programs such as dual enrollment.
- How will students access curricular websites now that phones are off during class?
  - Chromebooks have expanded access to previously blocked educational websites. Teachers and students may also request that specific sites be unblocked.
- What if my student's Chromebook is broken or not working properly?
  - Staff will be available in the media center during second block each school day for students who need immediate assistance with Chromebook repairs and replacements. Should a parent have a Chromebook question or need, please email [MHSTechSupport@marietta-city.org](mailto:MHSTechSupport@marietta-city.org).



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### Student Accountability

- What happens if a student's cellphone or smartwatch is visible or makes noise during class?
  - If a cellphone or smartwatch is visible or makes noise during class, an administrator will be contacted and the device will be confiscated. The confiscated devices will only be returned to a parent, guardian, or emergency contact (as noted in Aspen).
- What happens if a student is observed with other personal laptops/tablets or headphones during class?
  - Similar to cellphones and smartwatches, the item will be confiscated by an administrator and will only be returned to a parent, guardian, or emergency contact (as noted in Aspen).
- What happens if a student refuses to give the requested item to an administrator?
  - The student will be disciplined for insubordination per the MCS Student Code of Conduct.