

Amesbury Innovation High School

Electronic Device Policy 2025-26

Dear Student & Parent/Guardian,

With the technology available on many cellular devices (phones, headphones, earbuds, watches) today, students can be tempted to visit non-academic sites, use non-related apps, communicate unnecessarily via texting, Facebook, email, etc. We have found use of electronics can have a negative influence on academic culture and can distract students from their academic responsibilities. In addition, teaching students appropriate use times is a lifelong skill we feel is important to their success after high school. As such, AIHS prohibits the use of electronic devices during the school day with the exception of lunch or with staff permission. We understand this impacts families as well. So if you need to contact your student during the day, we ask you please call the main office at 978-388-8037 instead of calling or texting your student directly. We truly appreciate your cooperation!

Students have two options regarding their devices:

- 1. Check your devices in at the office before school, and retrieve it at the end of the school day.**
- 2. Keep your devices OFF, away, and out of sight, in a purse, backpack or pocket.**

If at any time a staff member witnesses a student using his/her/their phone for any purpose, (texting, checking the time, using apps, listening to music, using a social media site, etc.) the device will be confiscated and put in a safe location by the staff member. The student can retrieve the device at the end of the day.

If the student refuses to turn in the devices to the staff person, the student will be directed to the main office. A parent/guardian will be called and the device will be picked up for the remainder of the day.

Any student who needs to use a phone during the day can use the phone in the main office or can get permission from a staffperson to make a call using their phone in the main office. If you, as a parent/guardian, need to speak with or leave a message for your student, you may do so by calling 978-388-8037. Again, we kindly ask that you do **NOT** text, email, call your student, even in the event of an emergency. We will take the call in the office and get the message to your student.

Student Name:

Student Signature:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date: