

STUDENT CELL PHONE & PERSONAL DEVICE POLICY

Stow-Munroe Falls High School
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PURPOSE

To maintain a focused, respectful, and distraction-free learning environment, students are expected to use personal devices responsibly and in alignment with district expectations and Ohio state law.

SCHOOLWIDE EXPECTATION: "STOW IT, DON'T SHOW IT."

Applies in hallways, study halls, classrooms, restrooms, offices, and all transitions.

- All cellphones, earbuds/headphones, AI glasses, and similar personal devices must be silenced and stored in a backpack or locker for the entire instructional day (7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.).
- These devices may not be used or visible during class changes, in study halls, during restroom breaks, or while moving throughout the building.
- Lunch: Devices must remain stored.
- Field trips follow the same expectations unless otherwise approved by the principal.
- Smartwatches may be worn but must remain in non-communication mode during class periods.

This option establishes the clearest expectations, minimizes disruptions, and supports both instructional focus and student well-being.

CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATIONS

To ensure consistency and fair enforcement, the following progressive discipline structure is recommended:

1. **1st Offense**
 - Cellphones and headphones are collected and turned in to the Attendance Office for the remainder of the day.
 - An administrator will pick up the device(s) from the classroom.
 - An email will be sent home notifying parents of the violation.
 - Students may retrieve the device at dismissal.
2. **2nd Offense**
 - Cellphones and headphones are held in the Attendance Office for the remainder of the day.
 - An administrator will pick up the device(s) from the classroom.
 - The student receives a Wednesday A.M. Detention (7:30-9:15).
 - An automated email will be sent, and a phone call home from the grade-level administrator will be made.
 - The student retrieves the device at dismissal.
3. **3rd Offense**

- Cellphones and headphones are held in the Attendance Office for the remainder of the day.
- An administrator will pick up the device(s) from the classroom.
- An In-School Restriction (ISR) has been assigned.
- An automated email will be sent, and a phone call home from the grade-level administrator will be made.
- Parent/guardian must pick up the device.

4. Habitual Offenses

- Cellphones and headphones are held for the remainder of the day.
- An administrator will pick up the device(s) from the classroom.
- Progressive discipline will follow.
- A phone call home from a grade-level administrator
- Parent/guardian must pick up the device.