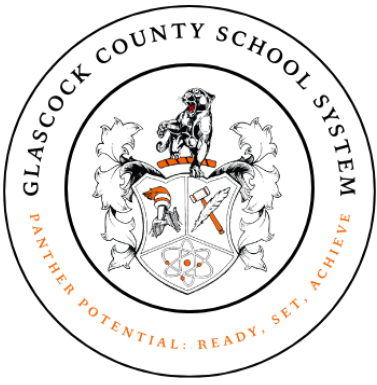




DISTRACTION FREE EDUCATION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR FAMILIES

Glascok County Schools is committed to creating focused, respectful classrooms where students are safe and engaged. To support this goal, the Distraction-Free Education Policy (JCDAF) applies to all students. We appreciate your role in helping uphold this important policy!

Is it the law?

Yes, the state of Georgia passed the Distraction-Free Education Act (HB340) in 2025, which bans the use of personal electronic devices in grades K-8 during the school day. The law takes effect July 1, 2026; however, GCS has always prohibited cellphones and smart watches from the instructional day.

What is the purpose of the Distraction-Free Education Policy?

The goal is to create learning environments free from the distractions of cell phones and personal electronic communication devices. This helps students focus on academics and build positive, in-person relationships to support their well-being.

Who does this policy apply to?

This policy applies to all Glascok County Schools students in grades K-12.

What are the rules for students?

All cell phones and personal electronic devices must be turned off and stored in a phone locker during the bell-to-bell school day.

Are there any exceptions for students with medical needs?

Families should work directly with school administration to discuss accommodations for medical needs.

Can students use devices during bus rides?

Yes. The restrictions only apply during the school day from bell to bell.

What happens if a student violates the policy?

Students who do not follow the policy or staff directives may face disciplinary actions as outlined in the district's Code of Conduct.

How are staff expected to model this policy?

GCS employees are expected to model responsible use of cell phones and electronic devices during the school day.

What if a personal device is lost, stolen, or damaged at school?

Glascok County Schools are not responsible for the theft, loss, or damage of personal electronic devices.

How can families support this policy?

Families can help by:

- Talking with their student about the importance of staying focused at school
- Encouraging responsible device use inside and outside of school hours
- Modeling healthy digital habits at home