

MOBILE DEVICES IN GRADES PRE-K - 12

- I. The Board of Education (the Board) of the Waterville Central School District (the District) recognizes the importance of technology and provides computers for student use within the classroom. The Board also recognizes that, whether intentional or not, mobile devices create a social, intellectual, and emotional barrier to being fully present during school and can cause disruption to the educational process.
- II. “Mobile devices” shall mean any cell phone, smart watch, Bluetooth/wireless headphones/earbuds, or other mobile communication device.
- III. To reduce unnecessary distraction, the display and/or use by students of mobile devices is prohibited from the start of the school day until the end of the regular school day. For grades Pre-K-5, such devices must be turned off and stored in a student’s locker during this time period. For grades 6-12, such devices must be turned off and placed inside of the student's locker until the district storage pouches are available. When the storage pouches become available, the device must be turned off and placed inside the pouch. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, the use of mobile devices in classrooms, libraries, common areas, restrooms and locker rooms, and includes transition times between classes, lunch periods, homeroom, recess, and home base.
- IV. Parents/guardians of students with a medical condition requiring the use of a mobile device should contact their child’s school health office to request an exemption form that will require approval from the Pre-K-12 District’s Medical Director. Any exemption will require supporting evidence from a licensed medical professional and will permit students to use their mobile device only for medical purposes.
- V. If students need to make a routine call during the school day, they should use phones available in the main office or counseling office.
- VI. Penalties
 - A. Misuse of a mobile device under this policy will result in the following penalties.
 1. 1st Offense: The student's mobile device will be confiscated and given to the school administrator to be returned to the student at the conclusion of the school day. In addition, the student will serve one lunch detention. The principal or their designee will meet with the student to review the Acceptable Use Policy for Mobile Devices and parent/guardian contact will be made.

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2. 2nd Offense: The student's mobile device will be confiscated and given to the school administrator. The student and parent (guardian) will be required to attend a meeting with the school principal or their designee at the conclusion of the school day. At this meeting, the mobile device will be returned and the Acceptable Use Policy for Mobile Devices will be reviewed. In addition, the student will be required to attend one, two-hour after school detention and turn their mobile device into the office each morning for a period of 30 days.
3. 3rd Offense: The student's mobile device will be confiscated and given to the school administrator. The student and parent (guardian) will be required to attend a meeting with the school principal or their designee at the conclusion of the school day. At this meeting, the mobile device will be returned and the Acceptable Use Policy for Mobile Devices will be reviewed. In addition, the student will be required to attend two, two-hour after school detention sessions and turn their mobile device into the office each morning for the remainder of the school year.

B. Additional consequences may be imposed as defined by WCSD Policy 1005 - Code of Conduct.

VI. The District is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged mobile devices.

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Legal Ref: The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), and the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act (NCIPA) (Public Law 106-554), and the Broadband Data Improvement Act, Title II: Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act (Public Law 110-385), codified at 20 U.S.C. §§ 7001 and 9134, and 47 U.S.C. §§ 254, 503, 609, and 902.

Cross-Ref: 1005, Code of Conduct

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