



HIGHLAND PARK SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Cell Phone Policy and Expectations

We understand that cell phones are a very important part of our daily lives; however, academic success for our students is most important while they are at school. In alignment with [Minnesota State Statute 121A.73](#) and [Saint Paul Public Schools Board Policy 550](#), Highland Park Senior **does not allow cell phone use in classrooms. Cell phone use is only permitted at lunches and during passing time.**

Our expectations are as follows:

1. Students may use cell phones during passing time or at lunch.
2. Cell phones must be put away and out of sight in classrooms.
3. Failure to follow this policy will result in disciplinary action. Teachers are advised to implement the following steps:

First Warning: Student will receive a verbal warning from their teacher.

Second Warning: Student will be asked to leave the classroom and process with a Behavior Interventionist or administrator.

Third Warning: Administrator may take the student's phone until the end of the class period, or the school day.

Families will be notified regarding cell phone concerns and consequences involving their student. *Repeat instances may result in further disciplinary action and an immediate move to the level of a third warning.*

HPSH Philosophy & Family Partnerships

We prioritize human interaction. We believe that learning the skills of in-person communication and collaboration are a priority. One of the most important skills our students will learn at Highland Park Senior High School is how to get along and work well, face-to-face, with a variety of people.

Your support and partnership is needed. We are asking you to review these expectations with your student and support our expectations by not texting or contacting your student during the school day. Ideally, all necessary communication should occur before and after school. [In the event of an emergency, please call the main office, 651-293-8940 and we will get a message to your student as soon as possible.](#) If a student needs to contact a parent, they can ask for a pass to use the phone in the office.