

Technology:

Maintaining a safe environment conducive to learning is of utmost importance. To this end, personal electronic devices are not allowed to be used at school unless students are given express permission by staff.

- Cell phones/"Communication Devices": At school, there is no need for a student to use a cell phone/communication device. Parents needing to get messages to a student can do so through the main office. Some middle school parents wish their child to carry a cell phone. In such cases, cell phones will remain turned off and in the student's locker during the day, and are not to be turned on until the student has left campus.
 - After school, a student may be given permission to use their cell phone/communication device to call home. Permission must be requested and granted or the phone will be confiscated.
 - If a cell phone/communication device is used on school grounds without express permission then the device will be confiscated, and the student may retrieve their device from the staff member at the end of the day.
 - The second time a cell phone/communication device is used on school grounds without express permission, it will be confiscated, and a parent must pick up the device from the Main Office.
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(A "Communication Device" is any personally owned device capable of communication, recording, internet access, or digital media use including but not limited to cell phones, smartwatches, and smartglasses.)

- Earbuds and headphones are not allowed on or with students UNLESS the student has been specifically told by a teacher they may use them in class. If a student is seen wearing earbuds or headphones at any other time, those earbuds/headphones will be confiscated. This means: no earbuds or headphones in the halls, at recess, in the lunchroom, etc.
- Smart Watches are allowed; however, they must be on "airplane mode". Placing the watch in this mode prevents the watch from sending and receiving text messages and phone calls. If they become a distraction or a student is seen using communication capabilities, it will be confiscated. The student may then retrieve the watch from the front desk at the end of the school day. Should a student's watch be confiscated a second time, a parent will be required to collect the watch.
- During any state standardized testing, students will be required to turn off and place all personal electronic devices (e.g. cell phones, smartwatches, and any similar items) in their lockers or backpacks as required by the Colorado Department of Education.
- Accommodations and Equity: Aurora Academy is committed to equitable access for students with documented needs. Student Communication Device access may be permitted if explicitly required by IEPs, 504 Plans, and legally reviewed Health Plans. Principals can make exceptions for specific educational purposes

It has been our experience that personal items, especially technology, are easily lost or damaged in a school setting and may serve as a source of conflict between students. Aurora Academy is not responsible for the loss or damage of any item deemed inappropriate for school.