



West Chicago Community High School Student Cell Phone Expectations for the 2026-2027

Dear Wildcats,

Last year, WeGo implemented a building-wide expectation requiring all student cell phones to be secured during instructional time. As predicted, our Wildcats did a great job following this expectation and this will be a continued expectation for the 26-27 school year.

Why is this beneficial for students?

- ☒ Supports student focus and academic success
- ☒ Reduces distractions and social pressures
- ☒ Creates a consistent, respectful classroom culture

Research and experience show that limiting cell phone access during class improves engagement, achievement, and well-being.

Student Expectations:

Students are expected to adhere to the following expectations:

- **All students will place their phones in a storage unit at the start of every class.**
- **Phones will remain stored for the entire period.**
- **Applies to every period, every day, for every student.**
- **Storing your phone in your pocket or your backpack is not acceptable.**
- **Students who possess more than one phone must store ALL phones. Students using 'decoy' phones will be found in violation of this school expectation.**
- **All students will continue to leave their phones in the classroom when using a bathroom pass.**
- **Students can still possess and use cell phones in non-instructional spaces during non-instructional time i.e., school cafeteria during lunch and hallways during passing periods.**

Staff Expectations

Students, to ensure consistency in all classes staff members will have the following expectations in place:

- Clearly explain the process and reasoning behind phones being stored each period.
- Enforce the expectation every day, every period.
- Disciplinary measures will be in place for students who do not comply **(See next pg).**



The following Disciplinary Consequences May be issued for student non-compliance:

- Phone call home
- Conference with student and staff member
- Referral to dean's office
- Lunch detention
- After school detention
- Parent Meeting
- In School Suspension

We thank you for your partnership in helping students thrive in a focused and respectful learning environment. Please do not hesitate to contact the Dean's Office if you have any questions.