



FORT WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Wireless Communication Device Policy & Procedure

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Per Indiana law and to support a safe, focused learning environment, **student-owned wireless communication devices must remain stored away, powered off, and inaccessible to a student for the entirety of the time a student is present on school property for the instructional day – from the first bell until dismissal. Wireless communication devices include, but are not limited to:**

- Cell phones
- Smart watches with cellular or other communication capabilities
- Earbuds/headphones
- Tablets, laptops, gaming devices, and other personal electronic communication devices

FWCS Expectations

Each secondary student will be assigned an **Electronic Device pouch** and is responsible for:

- Bringing the pouch to school each day.
- Securing their wireless communication device in the pouch upon arrival.
- Keeping the pouch closed throughout the instructional day.
- Maintaining the pouch in good condition.

The student's family will be charged \$30 for a lost or intentionally damaged pouch.

During the school day, students may only use **school-sanctioned technology** when directed by school staff for instructional purposes.

If a Student Uses a Personal Wireless Communication Device during school hours:

- The device will be confiscated and securely stored in the school office.
- A parent/guardian must pick up the device during school office hours.

Why This Matters—Focus on Learning. Minimize Distractions.

Limiting personal device use helps students:

- Stay engaged in learning.
- Reduce distractions.
- Increase face-to-face interaction.
- Improve academic focus and well-being.
- Create a safer and more respectful school environment.

Thank you for partnering with FWCS to create classrooms where every student can focus, learn, and succeed.