



Bauder Elementary

Student Wireless Device Policy

POWER UP LEARNING!

Education becomes epic when we focus on learning together!
Remember to power down personal devices and power up your education!

Pinellas County Schools Elementary Cell Phone and Smartwatch Policy

- **Cell Phones Off During School Hours:** Students are required to keep their devices turned off throughout the school day and during all school activities. Powered down and in backpacks
- **Smartwatches On Silent During School Hours (No messaging/calls):** Students may wear smartwatches only in silent mode during the instructional day so there will not be disruption to the classroom. Communication of any kind on Smartwatches during the school day is not permitted. Smartwatches may not be worn during district and state assessments.
- **Parents are advised the best way to get in touch with their child during the school day is by calling the child's school office.** Please reserve smartwatches for safety reasons after the school day is over, emergency communication, or location tracking only to avoid classroom disruptions.
- **Permitted Use After School:** Students may use their devices once the school day has ended with the permission of an adult.

Consequences for Not Following Our Wireless Device Policy:

1. First Offense:
 - o Student receives a verbal warning – device is returned to the backpack.
 - o Parent or guardian is notified (by phone or email) and the warning is logged into Focus
2. Second Offense:
 - o Device is held by an administrator and must be picked up by a parent or guardian
 - o Student receives a written behavior infraction and parent communication is logged into FOCUS
3. Third Offense:
 - o Device is held by an administrator and must be picked up by a parent or guardian
 - o Student receives an office referral and consequences which may include detention
 - o Student must drop off their device at the front office each morning and pick it up at the end of the day
 - o Student may be ineligible to apply for or may be removed from Safety Patrol, the news crew, or other enrichment clubs
4. Fourth Offense:
 - o Device is held by an administrator and must be picked up by a parent or guardian
 - o Student receives an office referral and consequences which may include in-school suspension
 - o Student must drop off their device at the front office each morning and pick it up at the end of the day
 - o Student may be ineligible to apply for, or may be removed from Safety Patrol, the news crew, or other enrichment clubs

Any student who chooses to bring a wireless communication device to school shall do so at their own risk and shall be personally responsible for the security of their wireless communication device(s). School Board staff are not responsible for preventing theft, loss, damage, or vandalism to wireless devices brought onto school property. By following these guidelines, we can ensure that our learning environment remains focused and productive. Let's power up our learning and make this school year the best one yet!