

ROBERT H. JAMISON STUDENT CELL PHONE POLICY 2026-2027

CMSD's board policy states, "To maintain a secure and orderly learning environment, students who choose to bring a personal cellphone or electronic device to school will have their phone/device subject to collection and/or storage during the student school day." This policy follows **Ohio House Bill 250**, which requires the minimization of cell phone use in schools.

Phones are not to be used during the school day.

DAILY PROCESS

Morning Entry (Main Entrance)

As students **Enter the Building**, they will:

- 1) Turn off their phones.
- 2) Place their phones and smartwatches/earbuds inside their assigned phone storage pouch.

***Phones will be securely stored and locked for the duration of the school day.**

***Students arriving late or leaving early will drop off/pick up their phones from the Main Office.**

Dismissal (Main Hall)

Students will pick up their phones from the main hallway by selecting and unlocking their assigned phone pouch. The pouch is returned to its numbered pocket and remains in the school.

VIOLATIONS

Using Phone During School

If a student is caught on their phone:

- 1st Offense -- Parent Notification
- 2nd Offense -- Phone Collected & Call Home. Phone Returned End of Day or Held for Parent Pickup
- 3rd Offense or Repeated Offenses -- Level 2Q offense, which may warrant a suspension.

Responsibility/Liability

Any student who chooses to bring a cellular phone or other electronic device to school shall do so at their and their family's own risk. The District and its employees will assume no responsibility or liability for loss, theft, damage or vandalism to a cellular phone or other electronic device brought onto school transportation or property, even during times the phone or device are subject to the collection or storage process of the District. To this end, families are not required to send any personal cell phone or electronic device to school with their student and are encouraged to carefully evaluate all associated risks and benefits when deciding whether to send a cell phone or electronic device to school with a student.