



BLUFFTON-HARRISON MSD

Indiana's "Bell-to-Bell" Phone Law Information*

A NEW STATE LAW EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

* <https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2026/bills/senate/78/details>



CREATING A FOCUSED, RESPECTFUL AND SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL TIGERS.

WHAT IS THE BELL-TO-BELL LAW?

Indiana law now requires schools to prohibit student use of personal cellphones and other wireless devices for the **ENTIRE SCHOOL DAY**.



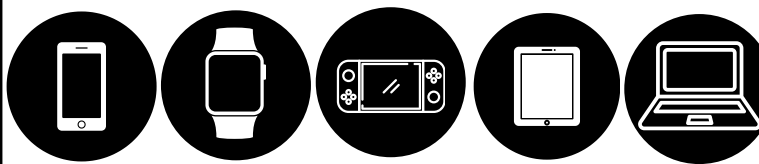
From the first bell to the last bell, students may not use personal wireless devices during the school day. This includes class time, passing periods, study halls, and any other time on campus.

WHY THIS MATTERS



Reduces school day distractions, increases student focus, improves learning environments, supports student mental health and well-being

DEVICES COVERED IN THE LAW



Cellphones, Smartwatches, non-school issued tablets, laptops, gaming devices, other wireless devices

BHMSD requires all personal electronic devices brought to school to be stored in students' lockers during the school day from the first bell to the last bell. Failure to comply with the law or policy will result in disciplinary action.

EXCEPTIONS

The law allows exceptions. These exceptions must be documented and approved by BHMSD:

- ✓ Emergencies
- ✓ Students with IEPs/504 plans
- ✓ Medical needs
- ✓ Other school-approved purposes

Our goal is simple: MORE LEARNING. LESS DISTRACTION.



Parents/guardians can communicate with their child via the school's office or through ParentSquare using the messaging feature.



THANK YOU for partnering with us to help our students succeed!

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