



ATLANTA AREA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As part of Georgia's Distraction-Free Education Act and our commitment to student success, AASD will be implementing new procedures for personal electronic devices during the school day.

Beginning this school year, middle school and high school students will be required to turn in all personal electronic devices when they arrive at school. This includes cell phones, smart watches, earbuds, headphones, personal tablets, laptops, and similar devices. Each student will be assigned a storage box, and all devices will be secured in locked cabinets during the school day. Students will retrieve their devices at dismissal.

Elementary students who bring personal electronic devices to school must keep them stored in their cubby throughout the school day.

The only exception is for devices that have been approved by the student's IEP Team for use during the school day.

If you need to contact your child during school hours, please contact the front office at **404-296-7101** or aasdfontdesk@doe.k12.ga.us, and we will ensure your message is delivered. Students leaving early for an appointment or approved reason will be able to retrieve their devices before departure.

These expectations apply throughout the **school day**. Students participating in after-school programs may use their devices as permitted by program staff.

At AASD, we believe students learn best when they are fully engaged with their teachers, classmates, and learning experiences. By reducing distractions during the school day, we can help students develop the focus, communication skills, self-discipline, and independence needed to lead with confidence, ignite their potential, and thrive in school and in life.

We appreciate your partnership as we work together to provide the best possible learning environment for every student.

Sincerely,

J. Jack Johnson
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