GUSD Mobile Communication Device Policy

What GUSD families need to know for the 2026–27 school year

The big picture: During instructional time, mobile communication devices must be turned off or silenced and stored out of sight.

TK–5th Grade

• Cellular phones, smartwatches, and other electronic signaling devices are **prohibited from being used on campus.**

6th–12th Grade

• Phones and other electronic signaling devices must be **turned off or silenced and stored out of sight during class.**

• Phone use is allowed **before school, after school, and during scheduled breaks**, consistent with school rules.

Exceptions

- Emergency situations or a perceived threat of danger.
- A device required by a student's IEP.
- A device determined by a licensed physician or surgeon to be essential for the student's health, limited to health-related purposes.
- Other case-by-case exceptions approved by the site administrator or designee.

Smartwatches & Smartglasses

Smartwatches: May be permitted during the school day for timekeeping, alarms, and functions that support academic activities. They must not disrupt instruction. During lessons and assessments, they should be on silent mode or may be required to be stored away at the teacher's discretion.

Smartglasses: Strictly prohibited on school premises.

Important: Electronic signaling devices may not be used for unlawful or inappropriate purposes, including invasion of privacy, endangerment, sexual harassment, or cheating.

What happens if the policy is not followed?

Elementary (TK–5): Consequences progress from a warning and parent/guardian notification, to possible confiscation, parent/guardian pickup, and ultimately a parent/student Personal Electronic Device Contract.

Secondary (6–12): Consequences progress from a warning and putting the device away, to confiscation and office pickup, lunch detention, after-school consequences, and ultimately a parent/student Personal Electronic Device Contract.

Grade level	Progressive response
TK–5	1st: warning + family notification • 2nd: possible confiscation + pickup after school • 3rd: family pickup • 4th: family pickup + contract
6–12	1st: warning • 2nd: confiscation + after-school pickup • 3rd: after-school pickup + lunch detention • 4th: family pickup + after-school work • 5th: family pickup + contract

Source: GUSD Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 5131.8. This family guide summarizes the 2026–27 policy presentation; school/site rules may provide additional direction.