

Personal Electronic Device Policy - Emerson Middle School

To minimize distractions and foster meaningful face-to-face connections, personal electronic devices (including but not limited to cell phones, tablets, smartwatches, smartglasses, and earbuds/headphones) are not permitted in classrooms, hallways, bathrooms, locker rooms, or instructional space.

All personal electronic devices should be silenced or powered off, and stored in the students assigned locker during instructional hours. Students may use their device during their assigned lunch period in the cafeteria.

If you need to reach your student during class time, please call the main office directly at 734-744-2665 or contact our office staff via email and our staff will pass on the important message. Alternatively, you may contact your student directly during their designated lunch period, as cell phones are permitted for appropriate use within the cafeteria.

- A Lunch - 11:00-11:25am
- B Lunch - 11:30-11:55am
- C Lunch - 12:00-12:25pm

Classrooms & Instructional Time:

All personal devices must be turned off or silenced and stored inside the student's assigned locker. Devices may not be brought into classrooms.

Hallways & Passing Periods: Devices and earbuds/headphones must remain inside lockers. Phone use and wearing/carrying visible headphones or earbuds in hallways are prohibited.

Cafeteria / Lunch Periods:

Students may use personal devices for appropriate purposes (checking parent messages, listening to music with one earbud in, or playing games). Devices must be stored away before leaving the cafeteria and returned to lockers promptly before returning to class.

Prohibited use of communication devices includes the following:

1. Use anywhere/anytime during the regular school day (outside of lunch) without the approval of Emerson staff.
2. Photo & Video Recording: Taking photos or recording video/audio on school grounds at any time is strictly prohibited without consent of a staff member.
3. In-School Messaging: Texting, calling, or messaging students who are currently in a classroom.
4. Harassment: Engaging in any form of cyberbullying, harassment, or unauthorized sharing of media.
5. Unapproved Event Use: Using devices during assemblies, performances, or on school buses without explicit staff or driver permission.

6. Devices are strictly prohibited in all restrooms and locker rooms at all times and violations will result in immediate elevated consequences.

Per Michigan HB 4141, exemptions are permitted in specific circumstances.

Students found in violation of the expectations stated above will be subject to the following:

1st Offense & 2nd Offense

The student must take the device to the main office which will be stored there for the remainder of the school day. The infraction will be logged, and the student may pick up their device from the office after the final dismissal bell (2:50pm). Parent contact will be made on the second offense.

3rd Offense

The student must take the device to the main office which will be stored there for the remainder of the school day. The infraction will be logged and held in the main office. A parent or legal guardian must come to the Emerson main office to retrieve it.

Continued Offenses

Continued non-compliance and insubordination will range in parent/guardian meeting, daily cell phone check-ins, detentions, or suspensions.