

Electronic Devices/Cell Phone Guidelines 2026-2027

Purpose

At IAA, electronic devices are intended as **learning tools** in the classroom. The school provides Chromebooks and Newline Boards to enhance student learning. **Personal electronics and cell phones are not necessary and are prohibited during the school day.** Devices must remain **in student lockers when they arrive at school and until dismissal (Bell to Bell).**

Electronic devices include, but are not limited to: cell phones, smart watches, pagers, iPods, Smartphones, Bluetooth speakers, etc.

Important: IAA is **not responsible** for lost or stolen devices. Students are responsible for securing their devices in their **lockers**.

Filming/Recording Policy

- Unauthorized filming or recording is strictly prohibited.
- Violations may result in **school detentions, In School Suspension, or Out of School Suspension.**
- Pennsylvania law prohibits recording conversations without consent: *18 Pa. Cons. Stat. Ann. §5704.*

Permitted Cell Phone Use Areas

- Shortly after arrival to school and prior to homeroom
- After students go to their locker for dismissal
- Dismissal areas while waiting for buses

Emergency Use

- Students may report to **administration** to make urgent calls.
- Parents may leave messages via the Main **Office (610-403-2787)** for students in emergencies. (A student will be permitted to return a call in the main office)

Disciplinary Actions for Policy Violations

1st Offense: Warning; device will be confiscated by administrator or SST until dismissal, parent/guardian must be contacted and informed

2nd Offense: Detention, devices will be confiscated by administrator or SST until dismissal, parent/guardian must be contacted and informed

3rd Offense: In School Suspension, devices will be confiscated by administrator or SST until dismissal, parent/guardian must be contacted and be brought in for a parent/administrator conference

4th Offense: Out of School Suspension, device will be confiscated until dismissal

5th & Subsequent Offenses: 1-3 days OSS; device will be kept in the main office and parent will need to pick up the phone

Refusal to Hand Over Device

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- Immediate assignment to **Refocus Room**; parent/guardian must be contacted and informed
- Teachers should contact **Administration or an SST** if they observe a student having a cell phone in class or the school building throughout the school day

Computer Usage

Students have daily access to Chromebooks and the internet to support learning.

Unacceptable Uses:

- Sending/displaying offensive messages or images
- Using obscene or inflammatory language
- Damaging computers/networks
- Accessing others' passwords or files
- Searching personal information about others
- Viewing personal social media
- Inappropriate messaging inconsistent with school rules

Consequences for Technology Misuse:

- Confiscation of Chromebook
- Counseling within school
- Parental conference
- Loss of school privileges
- Detention, Refocus Room, or Out of School Suspension (1-3 days)
- Expulsion or referral to law enforcement, if warranted.

Factors Determining Consequences:

- IEP/504/behavior plan status
- Repeated offenses
- Circumstances, degree, and maturity of student(s)

