

Standards for the Use of Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media in Schools

Personal mobile devices are a distraction to learning and can be used negatively impacting our student's mental health, engagement and learning. One of the school's goals is to provide a learning environment that is safe and respectful promoting a strong sense of self and others. We know that mobile devices can be harmful in the incidence of bullying and harming others. We also wish to have a learning environment that is free from distraction with our students fully engaged in their learning.

Children and students may not use personal mobile devices during instruction time. If children and students have personal mobile devices with them during instructional time or during school hours, the mobile device will be stored out of view in the student's backpack and secured in the individual's locker. No student or child will be permitted to access social media on school Chromebooks or any other school device.

Limited use of mobile devices will be granted for medical or health reasons. With the approval of the principal or teacher, a mobile device will be permitted for educational use.

Violations

In the case of a student being found in violation of this policy the following will occur.

The student will be reminded that mobile devices are not permitted during school or instructional hours and that the mobile device will be returned to the student's backpack in their locker. A warning will be issued.

Upon a second violation, the mobile device will be confiscated by the teacher and will be returned to the student at the end of the day. The teacher will notify the parents of the infraction as well as informing the principal.

Should a third infraction occur, the mobile device will be confiscated, given to the principal who will notify the parents that they are required to pick up the cell phone at their earliest convenience. The parents will also be informed that their student has lost the privilege of having a cell phone on their person or in their backpack while on school premises.

Parents are responsible for informing their child of the school's policy in regards to mobile devices and the ban of social media on school devices. It is the responsibility of the classroom teacher to enforce this policy within their classroom. The principal will become involved at the time at which the second offence occurs. The principal will meet with the parents reviewing the policy and the consequences of policy violation upon the third offence. All faculty and supportive staff are responsible in keeping our school a safe, respectful place to be. This policy will be included in the Parent Handbook and will be reviewed on a yearly basis.

This policy was reviewed and passed by the Board on Thursday, October 10, 2024.



John McKenzie Board Chair