

McIntosh County Schools Personal Device Policy



The McIntosh County Board of Education believes that all students will achieve better academically in a learning environment free from distraction due to the use of personal electronic devices. The McIntosh County Board of Education intends to promote a distraction-free learning environment, which means a learning environment where access to personal electronic devices is restricted to minimize distractions, improve academic outcomes, and increase meaningful interactions and focused learning experiences.

This policy outlines the access and use of personal electronic devices for students in kindergarten through twelfth grade while on school premises during school hours.

Students in grades K-12 are not permitted to access personal electronic devices while on school premises during school hours, including but not limited to cell phones, smartwatches, tablets, e-readers, headphones, earbuds, and other devices with functionalities such as wireless communication, internet access, messaging, video recording, gaming, social media access, or data transmission. Any student found in violation of this policy and/or its procedures during the school day shall be subject to the following progressive discipline consequences:

1st Offense - Device confiscated, student may pick up from front office at end of day.

2nd Offense - Device confiscated, parent or guardian may pick up device from front office.

3rd and Subsequent Offenses - Device confiscated, parent or guardian may pick up device, and disciplinary referral issued.

This policy applies to students in grades K-12 on school premises during school hours. During school activities such as trips, athletic events, and extracurricular activities, personal electronic devices may be used in accordance with the appropriate use guidelines in the Student Code of Conduct. A student whose Individualized Education Plan (IEP), Section 504 Plan, or medical plan developed with the student's parent/guardian and academic team that explicitly mandates the use of a personal electronic device shall be permitted access to the device as necessary to fulfill the requirements of the respective program or plan. Parents wishing to reach their child during school hours should contact the front office.

The district or individual schools within the district shall not assume any responsibility or liability for the theft, loss, or damage to a personal electronic device.



NO CELL BELL TO BELL



**ALL PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES
MUST BE **POWERED OFF** AND STORED IN THE
STUDENT'S BACKPACK OR PERSONAL VEHICLE
FOR THE **ENTIRE SCHOOL DAY**.**

*Includes cell phones, smart watches, earbuds/headphones,
and all other personal electronic devices.*

OFFENSE CONSEQUENCES

1 1ST OFFENSE

DEVICE CONFISCATED.

Student may pick up the device from the front office at the end of the school day.

2 2ND OFFENSE

DEVICE CONFISCATED.

A parent or guardian must pick up the device.

Parent pickup is required for every offense after the first.

3 3RD OFFENSE

DEVICE CONFISCATED.

A behavior referral is issued.

This applies to the third offense and all additional offenses.



MEDICAL WAIVERS: Exceptions may be made for students with documented medical needs. Approved medical device waivers must be on file with the school nurse and front office.



**BELL TO BELL.
NO DISTRACTIONS.**
All in for learning.

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