# Cell Phone/Earbud/Smartwatch/Smart Device Policy

Students are expected to keep their cell phones, earbuds, smartwatches, and any other smart devices turned off and stored in their backpacks. Students will NOT have access to their devices between classes or at lunch. If a cell phone/earbud/smartwatch is seen or heard during class, in the halls, in the senior lounge, at lunch, or anywhere on campus because the student failed to leave it stored in the backpack, it will be confiscated and held in the main office until the parent can retrieve it. The first offense will result in an infraction. The second offense will result in a detention. If further violations of this policy occur, other disciplinary measures will be taken as deemed appropriate by the administration.

The evidence is clear that cell phones, earbuds, smartwatches, and social media have a negative impact on academic achievement. Additionally, they distract from the positive social environment at lunch and in the senior lounge. Research indicates that “technoference” (the intrusion of technology in relational interactions) and “phubbing” (phone snubbing) have detrimental social and behavioral impacts on students (McDaniel & Coyne, 2016; Roberts & Davis, 2016). We aim to create a positive social environment for our students that fosters face-to-face conversations.