

Student Cell Phone Policy

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THE RULE: "OFF AND AWAY"

Devices must be powered completely OFF (not silenced, not on vibrate, OFF) and stored out of sight for the entire school day. "In your pocket" does not satisfy Away.

PERMITTED EXCEPTIONS

- Documented Medical Necessity (physician documentation on file)
- IEP / 504 Accommodation (device use specified in plan)
- School-Directed Educational Use (teacher-initiated, time-limited)
- School-Defined Emergency (contact through school office only)

No other exceptions. Parent preference is not an exception.

DISCIPLINARY MATRIX

Level	Consequence
1 - First	Device confiscated; returned end of day; parent notified
2 - Second	Device confiscated; parent must retrieve; documented
3 - Third	Parent meeting required; escalating consequences
4 - Repeat	May include suspension or additional disciplinary action

EMERGENCIES: All urgent parent communication must be directed to the School Office or designated school personnel, not to the student's personal device.

*Schools are not liable for lost, stolen, or damaged personal devices. Students bring devices to campus at their own risk.
This policy aligns with Ohio RC §3313.753 and the NAD Journey to Excellence framework.*