



# Blended Academy Cell Phone and Electronic Devices Policy



All students **will be allowed** to use their cell phones/electronic devices during the following non-instructional school times:

- Before the first instructional bell rings
- During the transition periods
- During the student's lunch period
- After the end-of-school dismissal bell
- During class time for instructional purposes with the teacher's permission
- During out-of-town school sponsored events with the sponsor's permission
- Headphones may only be used during the student's lunch period and in the classroom with the teacher's permission.
- Students who have an early release may not use their cell phones during instructional time; and should wait until they exit the building to access their cell phone.

All students **will not be allowed** to use their cell phones during instructional time.

Instructional time is defined as the time from the first tone of the tardy bell to the first tone of the dismissal bell. Each teacher has the discretion to allow and regulate the use of cell phones in the classroom.

- Cell phones must ALWAYS be turned off and out of sight during instructional time, except during the student's lunch period. Students should wait until they exit the building after school to access their cell phone.
- Students who are in the restrooms during instructional time will not be allowed to use their cell phones.
- Cell phones may not be used to assist any student on assignments, quizzes, or tests without teacher approval.
- Use of a cell phone or any other unapproved electronic device during the administration of state tests (STAAR, EOC, etc.) will be regarded as cheating, and the student's test will be invalidated with appropriate disciplinary action to follow

## Cyber Safety

- Students are strictly prohibited from using cell phones or any electronic device for capturing images in locker rooms, restroom areas or any other area prohibited by the campus/District.
- Students are strictly prohibited from using Social Media (e.g., Facebook, FaceTime, Instagram, etc.) to post pictures or take video during instructional time.
- Students are strictly prohibited from "bullying," particularly cyberbullying, or posting derogatory statements about students, faculty, or staff via text message or Social Media.

## Consequences for Violation of Cell Phone/Electronic Devices Policy

Violating the established policy will result in the following:

**First offense:** The phone will be confiscated and must be picked up by a parent or guardian after three school days.

**Second offense:** The phone will be confiscated and must be picked up by a parent or guardian after six school days.

**Third offense:** The phone will be confiscated and must be picked up by a parent or guardian after ten school days.

**Fourth offense:** The phone will be confiscated for the remainder of the school year and cell phone privileges will be revoked

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