



## Cell Phone Policy JE

**Students in Grade K-6 are not allowed to bring cell phones to school.**

Western Line School District Board of Trustees **approves the following uses for smart devices in grades 7-12:**

- When instructed by teachers, students will be allowed to utilize any smart device for educational purposes including, but not limited to: research, testing and assessment, enrichment, and/or remediation activities.
- Teachers will explicitly instruct students on when to use their smart devices, how to use their smart devices and when to put their smart devices away.
- Teachers must include the use of smart devices on weekly lesson plans to indicated when and for what reason smart devices are in use.
- Teachers will post a “Cell Phone in Use” sign when smart devices are in use.
- Students must have active consent from the teacher in order to use smart devices. Use of smart devices without consent is prohibited.
- All personal electronic devices shall be turned off and kept out of sight except at the designated times – before school, after school, and during lunch.

### Violations of this policy:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense – The parent will be allowed to pay a fine of \$25.00 to get the phone/electronic device back.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense – The parent will be allowed to pay a fine of \$50.00 to get the phone/electronic device back.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense – The parent may bring the receipt and pick up the electronic device at the end of the school year.
- Cell Phones not picked up within 30 days after school is out will be donated to the Sheriff’s department.

On the first or second offense, if the student refuses to turn in the phone, the student will be placed in ISS until the phone is turned in or the fine is paid. On the third offense, the student will be placed in ISS until the phone is turned in.

Funds collected based on these fines will be put into the student activities fund for activities honoring students.

**\*\*The entire policy can be found online <https://westernline.msbapolicy.org/>**