

ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

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It has been found that students who are on cell phones or other electronic devices when it is not part of instruction are not fully engaged in learning. It has also been found that continual access to cell phones and other devices contributes to anxiety, depression, and negative interactions between teenagers. In order to reclaim and preserve a teaching and learning environment at CMHS, the following electronic device policy will be enforced.

The use of personal electronic devices, which includes, but is not limited to cell phones, is a privilege. With this privilege comes the following student responsibilities and expectations:

- During the class period, electronic devices will be stored in student lockers. Students will not be dismissed from class to use their cell phone or device.
- Electronic devices **may** be used before school, after school, and during lunch. Cell phones and smart watches are to be set on silent mode at all times while in the building.

****Should a parent/guardian need to contact or get information to their student(s) during class, they should call the office and they will ensure the message is delivered.

- Cell phones and other electronic devices are expressly prohibited in restrooms and locker rooms during class time and passing periods.

- Students who use their cell phone or electronic device to disrupt the educational environment or violate the rights of others will be subject to disciplinary action and may, if applicable, be reported to law enforcement.
- Any student who is found to be in violation of the CMHS electronics policy, or who is found to be using their device inappropriately by any staff will be subject to the following consequences.
- Consequences for inappropriate electronic device use in the classroom.
 - First offense-the device will be confiscated and will be held at the office until the end of the day. An administrator or designee will meet with the student to review the device policy and expected behaviors. Parents will be notified of the offense
 - Second offense- The device will be confiscated and held in the office. Parents will be notified and a parent or guardian will have to pick up the device.
 - Third offense- The student will have to turn in the device to the office at the beginning of each school day and can pick it up at the end of the school day. The student will not have access to it during the school day.
 - Administration reserves the right to move to any level of consequence or combination of consequences based on the severity of the offense.

References

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