

# Prattville High School 2022-2023 Cell Phone Policy

Parents and Students,

In efforts to create a distraction free learning environment, Prattville High School will be implementing the following cell phone policy listed below. The administration of Prattville High School believes this cell phone policy is in the best interest of students' learning.

- Cell phones are allowed to be used on school grounds **before school (until 7:48), between transition bells in the hallways, during lunch in the MANE, and after school**. Students should never make a phone call during the school day. Students are to report to the front office if they must make a phone call.
- Cell phone and smart watch usage is strictly prohibited in **all classrooms, restrooms, school offices, and any other location on campus** unless special permission is granted by an administrator.
- **No earbuds are allowed at any point on Prattville High School campus unless used with a Chromebook, laptop, or computer and permission is granted by the teacher.** Students must be able to hear all surroundings at all times.
- During the instructional day (**Classroom Time**), cell phones and smart watches must remain out of sight and in silent mode. This includes courses that are taught in the **gym, bandroom, or other unconventional classrooms**. No exceptions.
- Chromebooks are to be checked out by students or students are to use personal Chromebooks, laptops, or iPads for learning. A device such as these listed above should be in students' backpacks at all times. **Cell phones and smart watches are not allowed for learning in the classrooms at PHS.**
- Cell phones are not to be charged in the school building.
- The school and its staff are not responsible for any damage to or theft of a student's cell phone. Students must properly secure and take care of their own phones. If a student loses a phone, administration at PHS will not be responsible for tracking the device.

Cell Phones may be accessed during the following time(s) or designated area(s):	Prohibited Cell Phone and Smart Watch Usage includes but not limited to:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● During breakfast</li> <li>● Hallways and Common Areas until 7:48 AM</li> <li>● During class transition</li> <li>● During lunch (In the Cafeteria Only)</li> <li>● After dismissal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● During class (Unless authorized by an administrator)</li> <li>● In private areas such as Restrooms, Locker Rooms, PHS offices</li> <li>● During Guest/Visitor presentations</li> </ul>

