



Hankins Middle School

Cell Phone & Electronic Devices Policy 2024-2025

Purpose

This policy is intended to ensure that personal electronic devices on Hankins Middle School property do not interfere with the learning, safety, and well-being of students and staff. The goal is to establish an environment conducive to active engagement and learning.

Definition of Personal Electronic Device

A personal electronic device is any device that emits an audible signal, vibrates, displays any message or video image, or is otherwise capable of sending, receiving, emitting, photographing, recording, storing, or displaying any type of audio or visual communication, files, or data. This includes, but is not limited to, cellular phones/smartphones, smart-watches, headphones/earbuds, camera devices, digital recording devices, scanning devices, personal digital assistants, MP3 players, iPads, tablets, computers, etc..

**This policy does not apply to school-issued devices.

** In any instance requiring an emergency communication with a student, our school will immediately assist the student, guardian, or other responsible adult with the situation.

Policy

Personal electronic devices may not be used to cause any disruption in the educational process for unethical or illegal purposes. Prohibited uses include, but are not limited to, cheating on assignments/assessments, harassing and/or bullying others, taking or distributing unauthorized photographs or recordings.

Students will be required to turn in their digital device to their homeroom teacher daily. The homeroom teacher will lock the student digital devices in the electronic VEVOR locker and store in a secure area in the classroom. Students will be given their digital device back at the end of the school day. Students receiving early dismissals will be permitted to receive their device at the time of their dismissal.

Disciplinary Action

Students who refuse to surrender their digital devices will face disciplinary action according to the Student Code of Conduct.

****We appreciate your parental support in this endeavor to provide a learning environment conducive to student success.**

By signing this policy, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the digital device policy implemented at Hankins Middle School.

Print Student Name

Homeroom Teacher

Print Parent Name

Date

Parent Signature