

Electronic Communication Devices/ Cell Phone Policy

In order to respect the important work of the classroom and the teaching and learning environment, this document is to clarify the cell phone/electronic devices policy for the school.

General expectations for cell phone/electronic communications:

- Cell phone use will be permitted before school, during passing time, during lunch time, and after school.
- Students are issued either a Chromebook or Macbook through the school to be used in class. Students are responsible for having the device in school and charged each day. Cell phones and other personal electronic devices are not permitted in replacement of the school issued device.
- Cell phones and other personal electronic devices are not allowed to be accessed during class. Cell phone time will not be used as a reward or filler in class time. This policy applies to all school locations, including commons areas, auditoriums, gyms, etc. during the school day. The use of cell phones and other personal electronic communication devices in bathrooms and locker rooms is strictly prohibited (including before, during, and after school).

Other personal device related information:

- Cell phones and other electronic devices, including but not limited to smart watches, are restricted from use during class time. Students should leave their cell phones in their locker, backpack, or put in the designated location in the classroom.
- Isle Public Schools will not be held responsible for any physical damage, loss or theft of a personally owned electronic device.
- Other devices, including wearable technology, are subject to the same expectations as cell phones.
- Earbuds/headphones may only be used during class while connected to school devices with the expressed permission of the instructor. It should not be assumed that students may use earbuds/headphones during class.
- Teachers may designate locations for cell phone placement during instructional time and when a student leaves the classroom (i.e. visits the restroom, media center, nurse, etc).
- This is a schoolwide, non-negotiable policy. All teachers are expected to be consistent in enforcing this policy.
- In the event a parent needs to contact their child immediately, they are asked to call the main office and the message will be relayed to the student.

Parents: The staff asks for your FULL cooperation with our policy. You can contact your child via their cell phone during lunch. In the event of an immediate emergency, please call the main school line at 320-676-3101.

Electronic Device Violations:

Students are asked to abide by the policy. Any student who refuses to turn over the device may be insubordinate and subject to other disciplinary actions such as removal from class.

Students are reminded that the use of cell phones or the Internet for the purpose of harassing or threatening others during the school day is in violation of the hazing and harassment policy and will result in disciplinary action.

If misuse occurs:

- 1st Offense – Device confiscated by the classroom teacher Teacher/Student Conference will take place and then device given back to the student at the end of class.
- 2nd Offense – Item confiscated and given to the office. Student will pick device up from the office at the end of the school day.
- 3rd Offense – Device confiscated and given to the office. Parent/guardian can pick up the device at the end of the school day.
- 4th Offense - Device confiscated and given to the office. Parent/guardian must schedule a conference with administration before picking up the device from the office. Continued misuse of personal devices after the 4th offense may result in disciplinary action related to insubordination and/or misuse of the technology policy.