

CELL PHONES & ELECTRONIC DEVICES 2019 - 2020

Students are permitted to possess a personal cell phone; however, these devices must remain turned OFF/SILENT and OUT OF SIGHT during the instructional day (including passing period, lunch time and outside recess) unless they are being used for specific instructional purposes under the direction and supervision of a TEACHER. Cell phones and related equipment, (i.e. earbuds, etc.) must not be seen in students' hands at any time (this includes halls, cafeteria, and recess). Earphones must be taken off and placed out of sight during school hours. Additionally, students shall not possess any tele-communications devices during a testing period. The use of cell phones or any device capable of capturing images is strictly prohibited in locker rooms or restroom areas while at school or at a school-related or school-sponsored event. If a student uses a telecommunications device in ANY of the above-referenced manners without authorization during the school day, **the device will be confiscated the device will be confiscated**, including those students using the cellphone in the bathroom. Any student using the cell phone in the bathroom will have their device confiscated. The parent or student may pick up the confiscated item from the assistant principal's office after **a 48 hour hold** and for a fee of \$15.00 payable by cash or money order. If the device is confiscated on a Thursday or Friday, it will be released on Monday. After the third confiscation, cellular phones, paging devices, or any other electronic device will be held until the administration meets with a parent. Student may also have severe restrictions to cell phone usage on campus. For more information regarding appropriate use and expectations, please refer to the BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) form and AISD standards (Student Code of Conduct, Texas Education Code 37.082) that are sent home at the beginning of the year. Parents should have a serious discussion with their child about the importance and privilege of appropriate use of electronics (cell phone and earbuds/earphones) during the school day, as well as clear review of related consequences. While most students follow the above referenced guidelines in a mature and responsible manner, misuse can become a serious problem and distraction to learning. Parent and student communication and cooperation is critical in order to avoid problems and stress, and to maintain safe and appropriate electronic device use.