

Electronic Devices and Technology Resources Possession and Use of Personal Telecommunications Devices, Including Mobile Telephones

Our goal at MJH is to focus on the primary purpose of school, which is learning and the learning process. We want our teachers to have the best opportunity to be able to teach students in the best learning environment possible. We want our students to have interpersonal skills to be able to communicate in face-to-face conversations with their teachers, other adults, and their peers. When they are constantly on their phones, texting, listening to music through their ear buds, etc. this is not possible. For these reasons along with safety purposes, the district permits students to possess personal mobile telephones. However, these devices must remain turned off during the instructional day and all state testing days. A student must have approval to possess other telecommunications devices such as netbooks, laptops, tablets, or other portable computers.

Students are expected to have their cell phones POWERED OFF AND PUT AWAY AT ALL TIMES DURING THE INSTRUCTIONAL DAY, which includes the hallways during passing times. They need to be stored away in a bag, backpack, or purse. The **ONLY exception is before school, during lunch and after school.**

Earbud and headphones are also to be stored away in bags, backpacks, or purses during the instructional day, which includes the hallways during passing time. The **ONLY exception is before school, during lunch and after school. If teachers have classroom activities that require headphones, then the student will be directed to get them out of their bag to use.**

The use of mobile telephones 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. Any use of electronic devices in locker rooms or restroom areas will result in school-based consequences including but not limited to ISS, OSS, or DAEP Placement. Incidents may be turned-over to law enforcement to determine if a crime has been committed.

If a student uses a telecommunications device without authorization during the school day, the device will be confiscated.

Confiscated telecommunications devices that are not retrieved by the student or the student's parent will be disposed of after the notice required by law. [See policy FNCE.]

In limited circumstances and in accordance with law, a student's personal telecommunications device may be searched by authorized personnel. [See **Searches** and policy FNF.] Any disciplinary action will be in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. The district is not responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen telecommunications devices.

Consequences are as follows:

Consequences of Violation of cell phone policy

If a student uses a telecommunications device without authorization during the school day:

FIRST VIOLATION: Warning

The issue will be addressed within the classroom. At the teachers discretion, the student will be redirected to (1) put the phone up; (2) confiscate the phone and have it picked up at the end of class or the end of the day; or (3) confiscate the phone and turn it in to the office where administration will handle it.

SECOND VIOLATION:

The cell phone will be taken up. The parent may pick up the confiscated telecommunications device from the principal's office. The parent and principal will discuss consequences and fines for the next offense.

THIRD VIOLATION:

The cell phone will be confiscated and consequences will be assigned. The parent may pick up the confiscated telecommunications device from the principal's office for a fee of \$15.