

AHS CELL PHONE POLICY 24-25

Cell phones are significantly disrupting the learning environment in classrooms. They are a source of distractions due to notifications, social media, games, and texts, which divert students' attention away from educational activities and community. This hinders their ability to focus, engage with the lesson, participate in discussions, and connect with others on a human level. We deeply strive to create a learning environment that promotes student engagement and academic success. In order to help our students find this success, we identified that we need to increase the limitations on cell phones and increase student accountability.

What students are allowed:

1. Students can have their cell phones with them during the school day.
2. Students can use their cell phones during passing time, during their lunch break, before school begins, and after school.

What students are expected to do:

1. Phones/earbuds/headphones are expected to be put away PRIOR to entering the class.
2. Silence their phone and keep it in their backpack/bag/pocket while in class.
3. Leave their cell phone in the classroom when using a pass - except to leave the building (teacher will have a designated location for phones).

It is the expectation that statements above are followed. Teachers are not expected to offer any warnings as they are responsible for the learning and it is clearly understood that cell phones are not allowed during class time.

What will happen if you don't meet those expectations:

Every violation will result in a teacher/staff member calling an administrator to have someone sent down to the classroom to take the students phone to the Main Office. The student's phone will be safely stored in a labeled bag/envelope and the administrator will call your parent(s) or guardian(s) to come pick up the cell phone from the Main Office anytime from 7:15am - 3:00 pm.

- 1) The phone will only be released to a caregiver.
- 2) Continued violations will be considered insubordination and may result in consequences ranging from detentions to suspensions to the removal of privileges of having a cell phone on campus.
- 3) Refusing to release the cell phone to school staff members will be considered insubordination and will result in consequences per the student code of conduct.
- 4) Student's phones will be confiscated if the student is in the halls during class time and on their phone.

Parents/Caregivers that are trying to reach their students for emergency situations during class should call 248-537-6100.

Students that have formal medical documentation on file with the school for the use of their phone for medical monitoring will need to work with administration to develop a plan of use that will be distributed to their teachers.

*earphones, personal tablets, personal laptops and other personal digital devices are included in the cell phone policy

**if students don't have a backpack or bag, then students will be expected to keep their cell phone in their pocket