

## Cell Phone Policy

While technology can be a powerful learning tool, research is clear that the presence and use of personal electronic devices distracts students from the learning process.<sup>1</sup>

To maintain a productive learning environment, **the classroom teacher will determine when personal devices are to be used in their classroom.** The teacher will notify students of the expectations for the use of devices each class period and will clearly indicate when the use of devices is allowed.

- During class, personal devices are to be used for instructional purposes only unless authorized by the teacher.
- Headphones/earbuds MAY NOT be used during class unless authorized by a teacher.
- The following will be enforced for a student using technology during class when it has not been approved by the teacher.

When the teacher states the expectation of “no cell phone use” and posts the sign to RED **this is the warning and there will be no other warnings. (verbal/visual warning)**

- Students are expected to place the electronic device out of sight.

If a student has their phone in sight or in use after the directive by the teacher to put phones away and the sign has been posted.

- The student is violating the student code of conduct under “failure to follow directions”.
  - Failure to follow directions in the Fayette County Code of Conduct is a class II violation and will result in 2 days of SAFE (the consequence is justified because a verbal/visual warning was provided)
- The teacher will...
  - Inform the student that a referral (including the reason) will be sent to the administration.
  - Make contact with the parent (a phone call, followed by an email if no contact is made).
  - Document the contact in infinite campus.
- The student will be provided due process with an administrator and assigned a consequence.
  - In SAFE, the student will be provided all work assigned and will be permitted to make up labs, assignments, formative/summative assignments, and projects missed.
- Personal electronic devices MAY NOT be used to take pictures, videos, or audio recordings of anyone without consent.
- Personal electronic devices MAY be used:

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<sup>1</sup> Lee, Seungyeon & W. Kim, Myeong & McDonough, Ian & Mendoza, Jessica & Kim, Minsung. (2017). The Effects of Cell Phone Use and Emotion-regulation Style on College Students' Learning. Applied Cognitive Psychology. 10.1002/acp.3323.

- During transition times between class periods
- In the cafeteria during lunch
- Before school and after school
- When students are using/wearing headphones/earbuds in the common areas of the building, they are responsible for hearing all announcements/information given verbally and are responsible for responding appropriately to verbal requests.

The school shall not be responsible for any device that is damaged, lost, or stolen.

1<sup>st</sup> read 9/9/19

2<sup>nd</sup> read 10/14/19