

Ridgeview High School

Personal Device Policy

TO: ALL Ridgeview High School Students

OUR 'WHY'

We CARE about YOUR Learning!

We care about your learning. Research is clear that when you are **distracted** you learn less. Even the presence of your device causes you to fracture your attention between learning and social hyper-responsiveness.

We CARE about students' Well-Being!

We care about your mental health and emotional well-being. We have the opportunity to make classrooms free of social competition, put downs, and online harassment. YOU cannot participate fully in learning if you feel pressured, judged, or socially anxious.

OUR EXPECTATION

Personal devices will be off and away from bell to bell. You may access your device before school, during passing times, at lunch, and after school. This policy uses 'device' throughout. It includes any personal electronic device not issued by the school (phone, ipod, MP3, headphones, smartwatch, game devices, etc.).

To be successful: All teachers have agreed to uphold this expectation.

OUR PRACTICE

Every classroom space has a cell phone wall organizer. The organizer is a space easily monitored by the teacher. Teachers will **invite** and encourage you to use your assigned numbered pocket to store your device safely during class. This will help you reduce the inclination to access your device. You may also leave your device in your purse or backpack. **Phones, headphones or any other device should not be visible during class.** Teachers will highly encourage you to not leave your device 'on your person', as this makes accessing the phone a temptation.

If you access your device during class time, the following will occur:

- Teacher will instruct you to report to the Student Management Office (SMO).
- Teacher will email parent or notify via ParentVue (and cc Dean of Students) **by end of day** to inform that you violated our device policy.
- You will deliver the powered-off phone to SMO.
- You will call your parent from SMO to notify and invite parent to retrieve device.
- Parent may pick up the device at any time.
- If you refuse to report to SMO or to deliver the phone per policy, you will be suspended out of school the following day. PLEASE HELP US HELP YOU!
- If you violate the policy but with another student's phone, the same process and consequences apply to you as the possessor of the phone.

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FAQs

What if my parent needs to get a hold of me in the middle of class?

- Parents are encouraged to call the Main office at 541.504.3600. We can get students out of class for or get the student a message. We are ready to help.

Shouldn't we be teaching students about digital citizenship?

- That is part of the intended outcome of this policy. We are teaching students that there are times when the use of electronics is appropriate (before and after school, at lunch, during passing times/breaks) and there are times when it is not (class time). Students will also have the opportunity to learn digital citizenship through their access to district-issued student devices, such as Chromebooks.

What about TAs?

- The same expectation applies to all students in the building.

What if I have a legitimate educational reason for students to use cell phones?

- District-issued student devices have most of the same capabilities as a phone. Teachers are asked to plan ahead and replace any activity that requires a phone with one that can be accomplished on a Chromebook.

What about when students are done with tests or the last few minutes before class ends and they are simply waiting for the bell to ring- can they be on cell phones then?

- No. In order to maintain consistency, the policy applies "bell to bell" in all classrooms. We encourage students to edit their work, assist others, read, etc.

What if a my phone sounds when put away in my backpack or purse?

- This constitutes accessing the phone in order to turn it off. This will be a hard lesson, but likely only happen once to a student.

What if my phone sounds when it is in the cell phone wall organizer?

- You will be allowed to turn the phone off without consequence. This will encourage all students to use the organizer.