

Fairview High School Cell Phone/Electronic Device Policy for 2023-2024

The most recent research on cell phone use and its impact on learning, behavior, and mental health in adolescents necessitates a revision in our cell phone policy. The purpose of this revised policy is to provide students with a safe, learning-focused environment that will cultivate high levels of learning for ALL students.

While cell phones, smart watches, earbuds, and other technology devices can be in a student's possession during the school day, they are to remain out of sight during all class periods and instructional times. It is recommended by administration that these devices stay in a student's backpack to eliminate any possible distractions. Students may access these devices before school, during lunch, during class change, or after school.

Phones and other devices out during lunch or during class change are considered part of an open forum and can be checked for appropriate communication. Any phones used for purposes of harassment, profanity, or other inappropriate purposes will dictate consequences for the student. No device used or brought to school may have any inappropriate content. Inappropriate content on devices will result in consequences ranging from lunch detention to ISS to reamendment in ALC and are also subject to court petitions.

Consequences for Misuse of Technology During Instructional Periods

- 1st Offense- Warning
 - Device taken by teacher and given to School Administrator. Students will be given the phone back at the end of the day after a conversation with administration and may be assigned an after-school detention.
- 2nd Offense- Detention
 - Device taken by teacher and given to School Administrator. The administration will assign an after-school detention. Failure to attend detention will result in Friday opportunity school and possible loss of privilege. Students will be given the phone back at the end of the day. Email communication sent to parents.
- 3rd Offense- Friday Opportunity School
 - Device taken by a teacher and given to the school Administrator. The administration will contact parents and assign students to Friday Opportunity School. Failure to attend FOS will result in loss of cell phone privileges for 10 days.
- 4th Offense- Loss of cell phone privileges for 10 days
 - Device taken by teacher and given to School Administrator. Device will be returned to parents. The student will be required to either keep all devices at home or turn in the device into the office every morning and retrieve it at the end of the school day for 10 days. Administration will set up meetings with students and parents to discuss loss of privilege. If family does not comply, then student will receive more severe consequences as deemed appropriate by administration. Student use of any other student's devices while in school will be considered non-compliance.

- 5th Offense - Loss of cell phone privileges for 30 days or more as deemed appropriate by administration.
 - Device taken by teacher and given to School Administrator. Device will be returned to parents. The student will be required to either keep device at home or turn in the device into the office every morning and retrieve it at the end of the school day for 30 days. Administration will set up meetings with students and parents to discuss loss of privilege.
- If at any time the student refuses to give the phone or devices to the teacher, an administrator will be called, and the infraction will be treated as a Level 2 offense of non-compliance.
- Repeated offenses may result in administrative review of consequences.

