

District: Greenville Public School District
Section: J - Students
Policy Code: JE - Cell Phone/Electronic Devices

This Greenville Public School district is committed to providing a safe environment wherein students can learn and teachers can provide focused instruction. A safe learning climate supports high academic achievement and fosters the best in students and staff. To promote safe schools throughout the district, the school board has amended the existing policy for the high school and adopted the following policy on cell phones for students in grades 9 through 12:

The district permits students to possess personal cellular phones as outlined in the policy. However, these devices must remain turned off during the instructional day, including during all testing, unless they are being used at the request of teachers for instructional purposes. A student must also have approval to possess other telecommunication devices such as notebooks, laptops, tablets or other personal computers.

Cell phones **may be** used in the following places (*Cell phones should be silenced at all times*)

1. The courtyard when seniors are outside
2. The cafeteria at anytime
3. Gymnasium: not during a class in the gym but during the morning and afternoon
4. Homeroom at the teacher's discretion
5. School activities such as pep rally, and during Homecoming week when students are not in class
6. Class meetings for reminders, notes and Remind app
7. Classroom for educational purposes only and with the teacher's permission (**Note: *When not in use, cell phones must be visible – face down on desk. Also, use of device must be included in teacher's approved lesson plan***)

Cell phones **may not be** used in the following ways

1. In the hallways, including headphones;
2. Recording or going live on social media
3. Posting on social media
4. Taking pictures in class without the teacher's permission
5. Activities that violate the rights of other students
6. Activities that embarrass or pose a threat to other students

Consequences of Policy Violation:

- ✓ First offense: loss of privileges for one week
- ✓ Second Offense: loss of privileges for one month
- ✓ Third Offense: loss of privileges for the year

In addition:

***Privileges refer to the ability to use cell phones at school.**

1. Any violation during the loss of the privilege will result in an automatic three (3) days in In School Reassignment (ISR).
2. Recording a fight is automatic three (3) days in In School Reassignment (ISR) and loss of privilege.
3. Students may pay a \$25 early retrieval fee, but they will still lose the privilege for the specified amount of time.

Adopted Date:

Approved/Revised Date: