

In compliance with House File 782:

It is the policy of the Clarksville Community School District that students may not use **personal electronic devices** during the **school day**.

Definitions

For purposes of this policy:

PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICE is a device that is used by a student to send or receive information or create or review content, including cellular and mobile phones, watches or other wearable devices in a receive or transmit mode, laptop or notebook computers, tablets, video game devices, portable media players, and any applications or programs installed by the student on a school-owned or issued device. A “personal electronic device” does not include a device possessed by the student for documented legal, health, and safety purposes and used solely for those purposes.

SCHOOL DAY is from 8:00 am - 3:40 pm with the exception of students’ lunch shift. This will include ALL time during which a student is under the guidance and supervision of licensed instructional staff or instructional assistants, including independent study time, passing time between classes, and morning breakfast break.

A student’s personal cellular or mobile phone, not otherwise allowed to be used under this policy, must be securely stored during all instructional minutes in the school-provided pocket hung the HS cafeteria and HS entrance. Cellular or mobile phones will remain in the pocket from 8:00 - 3:40 or until a student leaves school for the day, with the exception of their lunch shift. The device can only be picked up after the bell. Pockets will be monitored by cameras for security purposes throughout the entire school day.

Students will be able to use their cellular or mobile phones during the lunch period only. At the end of the lunch period, students will return their devices to the school issued pocket holder.

A parent or guardian, after verification by school officials, may communicate with a student through the school office 319-278-4273 or by emailing the student. In the event of an emergency, the school will contact the parent or guardian by the method most recently listed by the parent in the school’s student information system immediately when it becomes safe to do so. In the event of an emergency involving the broader school community, the school will contact parents and guardians by JMC email or text message alert systems. Fire drills, assemblies, and other school evacuations are considered cell phone blackouts until given permission by the teacher or school official.

Violations of Policy

If a student is caught with their cellular or mobile phone when it should be in the pocket,

- **1st offense:** The student will surrender the device to school officials, to be returned to the student at the end of the school day.
- **2nd offense:** The student will surrender the device to school officials, to be returned to the student's verified parent or guardian after the end of the school day during normal business hours. Additionally, students will lose the privilege to use their phone during lunch for one week or 5 consecutive school days.
- **3rd offense:** The student will surrender the device to school officials, to be returned to the student's verified parent or guardian after the end of the school day during normal business hours. There will be a revocation of cell phone privilege for a length of time, determined by administration. If your child has 3 offenses, his/her cell phone must be checked in at the office by 7:55 and can be picked up after the dismissal bell each day.

Certain infractions will result in students immediately losing the privilege to carry or use a cell phone on school grounds. The penalty will be decided by school administrators and includes, but is not limited to, infractions such as:

- Posting harmful material against students and/or members of the school community.
 - Refusing to give the device to a school official who requests it.
 - Making threats against the school community.
 - Sharing or distributing inappropriate content.
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