Personal Electronic Devices/Cell Phones in the NPS

Proposed language for the Needham School Committee to consider to include in the student handbooks

Proposed Elementary Handbook Language:

The elementary schools maintain a "Cell Phone Free" environment.

Cell phones, smart watches, earbuds and other personal technology are expected to be powered off and stored out of sight during the entire school day, including class time, passing periods, and lunch.

Students must store phones, watches, and other personal electronic devices in their backpack, student locker, or other location not on their person. Cell phones, smart watches, and other personal electronic devices are not allowed to be in the pockets of jackets, coats, or other clothing. Students who use cell phones/electronic devices that are not school-issued will have device confiscated and returned to parent/guardian. Continued violations may result in disciplinary action.

Proposed Middle School Handbook Language:

Pollard Middle School and High Rock maintain a "Cell Phone Free" environment.

Cell phones, smart watches and other personal technology are expected to be powered off and stored out of sight during the entire school day, including class time, passing periods, and lunch.

Students must store phones, watches, and other personal electronic devices in their backpack, student locker, or other location not on their person. Cell phones, smart watches, and other personal electronic devices are not allowed to be in the pockets of jackets, coats, or other clothing. Students who use cell phones/electronic devices that are not school-issued will have devices confiscated and returned to parent/guardian. Continued violations may result in disciplinary action.

Proposed Needham High School Handbook Language:

Needham High School maintains a "Cell Phone Free" environment during instructional time.

- Cell phones are expected to be powered off, and students must store them in phone holders that will be provided in each classroom. Staff are responsible for ensuring compliance.
- Smart Watches, earbuds, and similar personal electronics may remain with the student but are not to be used during instructional periods.
- Cell phones and other personal electronics may be used during passing periods, lunch and at the discretion of the principal.

Students who use cell phones/electronic devices that are not school-issued and in violation of the expectations above will have device confiscated and returned to parent/guardian. Continued violations may result in disciplinary action.