

Protocol for Earbud/Headphone Use

As a formal practice, earbuds/headphones are not to be used during school hours, beginning at 8:00 when students arrive on school property. Staff may choose to allow the use of earbuds/headphones during homeBASE, class periods, or after-school activities. Earbuds/headphones should never be worn outside of the designated activity, such as during passing time, when going to the bathroom, etc.

Protocol for Earbud/Headphone Lessons or Activities	
WHEN – Before school, during homeBASE, class periods, and after-school activities. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As a way to enhance or supplement learning	WHERE – In any learning space.
WHAT – <i>If you would like to have students use their earbuds/headphones for a lesson or activity, what should you do?</i>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Direct students to take out and use their earbuds/headphones during the activity.2. Direct students to put them away when the activity is completed.	

WHY – <i>What are the positive impacts of this practice?</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensures that students are present and focused in the classroom so that no learning time is lost.• Provides opportunities for students to interact and practice their age-appropriate social and communication skills, and to connect with adults in the school to build relationships.• Ensures immediate awareness of any emergency announcement or situations, especially while outside of the classroom.