

Hays High School
Cell Phone/Electronics Policy
2021-2022 School Year
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This policy is intended to support student learning while minimizing student distractions and disruptions. Teachers are expected to incorporate technology as a part of their lesson plans as long as it supports the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). Students may use their own technology (laptops, iPad, etc.) to support the learning objectives in the classroom. **The teacher has the final authority in his/her classroom of acceptable cell phone usage.**

Student use guidelines during the school day (8:40am-4:15pm)

- Students may use their personal electronics on campus before 8:40 AM, during lunch, and during passing periods and after 4:15 PM.
- Teachers have final authority in their classroom and will clearly communicate through a red or green indicator if student technology may be used during instructional time.
- Cell phones must be out of sight and silenced in the classroom unless otherwise instructed.
- Cell phone use is prohibited in bathrooms, locker rooms, changing areas or any area considered private, and while driving on campus.

Violation of electronics policy

Students who violate the policy will have the following consequences.

- 1st Offense – Confiscation of the device and may charge a \$10 fee
- 2nd Offense – Confiscation of the device and may charge a \$10 fee
Assigned one hour after school detention
- 3rd Offense – Confiscation of the device and may charge a \$10 fee
Assigned In-School Suspension
- Multiple Offenses – Confiscation of the device and may charge a \$10 fee
Loss of privileges
Other consequences as assigned by the administration

Students who fail to surrender devices will elevate consequences immediately. Any and all confiscated phones must be picked up by the parent or guardian listed on the student contact information. Devices will not be returned to students, friends or other non parent/guardians.

Parent expectations

Parents can help their child support this policy, the learning environment, and our school's mission by:

- Discussing the school expectation with your child & reinforcing expectations
- Picking up confiscated devices in a timely manner between 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM