



Como Park High School Personal Electronic Device Policy

At Como Park Senior High School, we support our students in using technology for real-world life and especially as a learning tool. **We are not allowing personal electronic devices to be used in school during instructional time between 8:30am-3 pm.**

Our expectations around personal electronic device use:

1. Adults are in charge of the teaching and safety in spaces they lead.
 - a. Keeping personal electronic devices out of learning spaces helps keep students focused on learning. Adults will first give a verbal redirection to put the phone away.
 - b. If the student does not follow staff requests **or** their personal electronic device isn't put away in a secure area in the class, the adult will request an intervention with a behavior staff and/ or Administration. An office discipline referral form will be completed, then the device will be stored in a secure location for the remainder of the day. The family will be contacted.
 - c. If a student's personal electronic device misuse becomes a pattern, or they continually defy reasonable requests, an electronic device agreement will be put in place.
2. Making phone calls or receiving phone calls are only permitted in the school office and with the permission of an adult or during passing/ lunch time- Before/ After school.
 - a. Students who take or make phone or video calls on devices during class will be referred to the Behavior Intervention staff and subject to phone turn-in. Families will be contacted.
3. Personal electronic devices include, but are not limited to, cellular telephones, tablets, laptops, Bluetooth and wired devices (e.g. earbuds) connected to personal electronic devices, pagers, walkie-talkies, electronic mail devices, MP3 players, smart watches, and personal gaming systems.

So why are we tightening up our cell phone expectations?

1. **To grow as a person requires real, human interaction.** We believe that learning the skills of in-person communication and collaboration are essential. One of the most important skills our students will learn at Como Park Senior is how to get along and work well, face-to-face, with a variety of people.
2. **Electronics have become disruptive.** Cell phone notifications disrupt both the student and the class. We want students focused on the learning, not who's calling or texting them.
3. **They get stolen.** Unfortunately, as wonderful as our Como Park students are, electronic devices are stolen. While we try to help students problem-solve, the school is not responsible for lost or stolen electronics.
4. **Students don't need them.** Every student at Como Park is given an iPad for academic use. We are asking you to not only review these expectations but also to help out by not texting or contacting your student during the school day. In the event of an emergency, please call the main office, 651-293-8800 and we will get a message to your student.