

Here is the policy as written in our [Student/Parent Handbook](#):

Phone Use

- a. Students are expected to ask school staff for permission before using a school phone or a personal cell phone.
- b. Except after receiving permission, cell phones should not be seen, heard, or used.
- c. Parents please refrain from contacting your child via cell phone during the school day. In an emergency, please contact the front desk. You are always welcome to leave a message at the front desk for your child. We will go get your child to take a call in an emergency.
- d. Inappropriate use of cell phones may result in having them taken for the remainder of the school day.

For **middle school students**, we propose no phone use between 8:02am and 2:42pm. Their phone (or other electronic device that isn't a computer) should be silent and stored in their bag in advisory at all times during the school day. They cannot check it during the school day.

The front desk will be staffed at all times this year, so in the event of an emergency, please call the school (507-663-8806 x0) instead of your child's phone. We will go get your child if you need to talk to them immediately.

At lunch, we want to intentionally create an environment where face to face interaction can take place. The ROR and Lamarr classrooms, the Great Room, and the backyard will be device-free spaces. Other activities, like board games, drawing, reading, foursquare, and outdoor play, are all available at lunch time. If a student needs quiet time away from others, that is fine, and we will create space for that. However, middle school students will not be able to use their phone or other electronic device during the lunch period.

For **high school students**, phones must stay at their desks in their advisory throughout the day. High school students will have access to their phones, but only when at their personal desks (including during lunch). No phones will be allowed in classes or in the backyard at lunch time.

To be clear, regardless of age, cell phones are not allowed in classes. Chromebooks will be provided if students need a device for a class. Students are allowed to bring their own laptop to class, if they prefer.