

Expectations of all students regarding electronic devices

Our mission at Freedom High School is to provide and ensure an active learning environment that maximizes student engagement and the safety of the school community. In addition, we desire to promote all students' healthy social and emotional well-being, free from potentially undesired distractions. To allow all students to reach their fullest potential, the use of personal electronic devices will be restricted during assigned instructional time. Appropriate interventions/consequences will be applied.

Tier 1: Management of electronic devices within the classroom

- **FHS expectations regarding electronic devices.** All teachers must have a formal policy regarding electronic device usage in their classroom and are responsible for conveying those expectations to their students and families. Cell phones, earbuds, smart watches, etc. are to be turned off or put on silent and should not be used during instructional time. Teachers may collect phones and/or provide a secure place to put them or allow students to keep them on their person, provided that the phones are out of sight and not being used. Teachers *may*, but are *not required* to provide a short “brain break” (5 minutes or less) in which students can access their devices. When the teacher deems the break is over, phones may no longer be used.
- **Bathrooms (or any instance in which the student leaves the room):** The administration expects that cell phones will not be permitted to leave the classroom when a student needs to use the lavatory or go anywhere else within the timeframe of their class.
- **SmartPass:** All teachers are required to utilize SmartPass this year. Students must sign out on their Chromebooks. Students must turn in their cell phones to their teacher and will be given a classroom bathroom pass before they leave the room.
- Students who do not follow their teachers’ procedures will be addressed through verbal communication with the student and parent contact, as outlined by the teacher in their classroom management plan.
 - If a student presents an extreme disciplinary issue (i.e., defiance, argumentative, disrespectful, etc.), the teacher will call Office 101 for a hall monitor to escort the student and their phone to 101 immediately, then follow up with a referral as needed.
- Students who continue to have a problem keeping their electronic devices away after implementing classroom-level interventions will advance to Tier 2 Consequences.

Tier 2: Management of electronic devices by Administration

- A hall monitor or administrator will escort the student and their phone to Office 101, where it will be kept until the end of the school day.
- After 3 “strikes,” a phone will only be returned once an in-person conference is held with the parent or guardian or the parent's designee.
- Mrs. DeJesus will document each student's device confiscation.
- Administrative consequences will be given as necessary.