

CELLPHONE AND EARBUD/HEADPHONES POLICY: Cellphones are not allowed to be used during class time unless specified by the teacher. Using a teacher issued hall pass or working in the library does not allow for the use of cellphones unless prior written permission is given to the students by a staff member.

Teachers have the responsibility of creating the appropriate learning environment in their classrooms. They provide their students with written copies of their classroom expectations and review them during class time. If they deem it is necessary, they have the authority to ban cellphone use completely during class time. Teachers implementing this policy will have the full support of our administrative team. Some teachers may choose to implement limited use of cellphones during class time. It is the responsibility of the student to learn the classroom expectations from each of their teachers. Parents wishing to contact their student during class time can contact the main office at 509-222-7100. Students will also have time to respond to calls or texts during passing time or our lunch break.

Earbuds or headphones to listen to music and phone conversations are popular but also inhibit a person's ability to hear. For educational and safety reasons students cannot cover or plug earbuds into both ears during the school day. One ear must be left open and uncovered to ensure that they can hear from those around them at all times.

Violations of cellphone and earbud/headphones policy can result in disciplinary action:

1st offense reported to the office = written warning added to student's school record.

2nd offense reported to the office = detention and parent notification

3rd offense reported to the office = in school suspension and parent notification

4th offense reported to the office = out of school suspension and parent conference

Any defiant or abusive responses from students towards staff members who are enforcing school policies will not be tolerated and can include disciplinary action that includes out of school suspension.