

Fox Ridge Middle School Cell Phone Policy Guidelines & Agreement

Teaching students to use technology safely and appropriately continues to be part of everyday learning; however, cell phones have proven to be a distraction in the classroom and detrimental to the learning environment. We are actively working to maintain the physical and mental health of our students, which has led to the re-evaluation of our Cell Phone Agreement. A new Agreement has been created with the consideration of students, staff, and parents and with student learning at the forefront. Given current research and data, we believe that having phones left at home or stored in lockers, so the phone is physically off the students, is best practice.

That being said, we also realize that our parents feel it is important for students to have access to their phones each day. Students may freely use/access their phones before school, during lunch, and after school. Our students are assigned a computer each year, 1:1 technology; therefore, there is little need for additional personal devices.

Fox Ridge Middle School recognizes the importance of communication and collaboration, and provides devices for students to be productive in the classroom. To keep the focus on academics and to reduce unnecessary distractions, the school will be enforcing the following:

- Cell phones and all mobile devices shall be turned off or in silent mode when entering the school building.
- Cell phones and all mobile devices shall be kept in the student's locker. Students can only carry devices on their person to and from school and during lunches.
- Cell phones and other mobile devices are not to be used in classrooms, the library, common areas, hallways, or restrooms.
- Cell phones and other mobile devices are not to be used during transition times or between classes.
- If a student needs to make an emergency call during the day, they may ask their teacher to use a building phone located in the classroom, the main office, the counseling office, or the dean's office.
- Parents/guardians can call the main office at 720-886-4510 to relay urgent and important messages to students. If the message relates to different dismissal procedures, please call by 2:30 pm if at all possible.

If a student is found to have their phone or using another mobile device, the consequences will be as follows:

1st offense:

- The device will be placed in a locked case and the student, at the teacher's convenience, will deliver the device in the locked case to the Dean's Office.
- The device will be secured in the Dean's office until the end of the school day.
- The student will sign for and pick up the device at the end of the school day.
- A parent/guardian will receive an email or phone call from the Dean's office to notify the device has been placed in a case and stored.

2nd offense:

- The device will be placed in a locked case and the student, at the teacher's convenience, will deliver the device in the locked case to the Dean's Office.
- The device will be secured in the Dean's office until the end of the school day.
- The student will receive a referral and the District consequence as related to technology will be applied.
- Student will sign for and pick up the device at the end of the school day.
- A parent/guardian will receive an email or phone call from the Dean's office to notify the device has been placed in a case and stored.

3rd offense:

- The device will be placed in a locked case and the student, at the teacher's convenience, will deliver the device in the locked case to the Dean's Office.
- The device will be secured in the Dean's office until the end of the school day.
- The student will receive a referral and the District consequence as related to technology for a second offense will be applied.
- Student will sign for and pick up the device at the end of the school day.
- A parent/guardian will receive an email or phone call from the Dean's office to notify the device has been placed in a case and stored.

Refusal to place device in case: Student and device will be sent to the Dean's office along with a referral, District consequences as related to defiance will be applied.

Damage to Case: If the case or lock are damaged while in the student's possession, the parent/guardian will be responsible for the cost of replacement.

Our goal is to create a safe environment, conducive to learning, and free of all distractions that hinder the learning process. If you would like more information, we are happy to answer any questions you may have as to why these guidelines have been adopted.

The school is not responsible for any damaged, lost, or stolen electronic device. If students choose to bring personal devices, they are responsible for its safe keeping.

Please remember that students are **not** to use cell phones during the school day (8:50 a.m.- 3:45 p.m.) with the exception of lunch. If you need to get a message to your child please call the main office.

- Main Office at (720) 886-4510 and the message will be delivered to your student.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Cell Phone Guidelines and Agreement.

Guardian Signature

Student Signature

This policy is in the student handbook.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.