

Klinger Middle School

Cell Phone/Personal Electronic Device Policy

It is our goal at Klinger Middle School to maintain an environment where students focus on learning with minimal distraction. We are a 1-1 Chromebook environment, and as such, cellular phones and personal devices are not needed and are not be used during the school day. Students may keep their devices, powered-off, in their lockers during the school day. Please see the Code of Conduct for consequences relating to the inappropriate use of cell phones or devices. The school is not responsible for the security of these devices.

POLICY: The use of cell phones/ personal devices is prohibited on Klinger premises at any point during the school day. Students may only use a cell phone/personal device with the consent of their teacher or administrator.

PURPOSE OF POLICY:

1. Maintain the integrity of the academic environment.
2. Keep personal property, not necessary for academic endeavors, protected and secure from loss, theft, and damage.
3. Respect the personal privacy of students and staff in the school.
4. Ensure students do not connect to websites/resources that are prohibited and blocked by Centennial School District.
5. Allow time for students to “unplug” and socialize face-to-face with peers.

ENFORCEMENT OF POLICY: It can be a challenge for faculty and staff to enforce this policy and we look for support and partnership with parents and guardians to this end. In order to minimize the potential to use personal devices for non-instructional purposes and avoid conflicts with staff, we have set these explicit expectations:

1. Students are required to "power off" cell phones/devices and keep them in their lockers during the school day.

2. Students may only bring cell phones/devices to class if explicitly directed by the teacher and only used for the assignment(s) set forth by the teacher.

CONSEQUENCES: The following progressive consequences are in place for students that violate this policy:

Student has phone out:

1. First Infraction: teacher notifies the parent.
2. Second Infraction: student turns the phone into Lower Office, after school administrative detention and parent notification.
3. Third Infraction: after school administrative detention, cell phone turned in to lower office, and parent conference.

Student is using phone:

1. First Infraction: student turns the phone into Lower Office, after school administrative detention and parent notification.
2. Second Infraction: student turns the phone into Lower Office, after school administrative detention and parent notification.
3. Third Infraction: after school administrative detention, cell phone turned in to lower office, and parent conference.

PARENT SUPPORT: With the increased use of these devices as a communication tool, we do need the support of our parents/guardians to ensure students adhere to this policy. Please help us by:

1. Refrain from sending text messages or calling students on their cell phone/device during the day.

If there is an emergency and you need to reach your child immediately, contact the front office at 215-364-5950.

2. Ensure students come to the nurse and/or lower office if they need to contact you during the school day. We have seen an increase in students' texting parents to come to school to pick them up because they do not feel well. ***Our school policy is that if students do not feel well, they are to come to the nurse's office and see our licensed nurse.*** The nurse will contact parents if the student is ill to determine next steps.

We appreciate the support of our students and parents/guardians as our students "unplug" from these devices and focus on learning and communicating face to face. Thank you!

