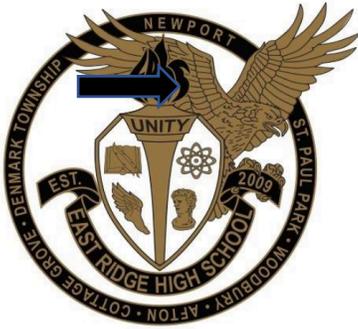


ERHS Building-Wide Cell Phone Expectations



The Purpose

East Ridge High School, we are committed to providing the best possible educational environment for our students and staff. The means not only providing a safe environment but also maintaining high academic expectations for each ERHS student and staff member. This policy is intended to ensure that personal electronic devices on district and school property do not interfere with the learning, safety and well-being of our students and our staff.

For the purposes of this policy, a personal electronic device is any device that emits an audible signal, vibrates, displays any message or video image, or is otherwise capable of sending, receiving, emitting, photographing, recording, storing or displaying any type of audio or visual communication, files, or data. This includes, but is not limited to, cellular phones, smartphones, earphones/buds*, headphones*, air pods*, speakers, camera phones, camera devices, video and audio recording devices, digital recording devices, scanning devices, personal digital assistants (PDAs), MP3 players, iPods, iPads, tablets, personal laptops, radios, pagers, any device that allows the possessor to access the Internet, or any similar device or any accessories.

**This policy does not apply to school-issued Chromebooks or iPads. Earphones/buds, headphones, air pods and may be used with school issued devices at teacher discretion and for instructional purposes only.*

There is no reason that a student should need to use a cell phone during the regular school day. In any instance requiring an emergency communication with a student, parents/guardians should call the main office and our school staff will immediately assist the student, a parent, or other responsible adult with that situation by using a school telephone.

Students may possess or use personal electronic devices on school property, on school buses, or at school-sponsored events according to the following guidelines:

- During all instructional periods cell phones and electronic devices need to be turned off or in airplane mode and stowed away.
- Students are permitted to use their personal devices before and after school, during his/her lunch period, in the media center, during Raptor Time and during passing time.
- In the event of illness at school, students must utilize the health office in order to facilitate parent contact, not by way of personal devices. The school nurse is responsible for monitoring all dismissals due to illness.

Personal electronic devices may not be used to cause any disruption in the educational process or for unethical or illegal purposes. Prohibited uses include, but are not limited to, cheating on assignments and/or tests, harassing or bullying others, and taking or distributing unauthorized photographs or recordings of other people. Personal electronic devices may not be used to access any obscene, threatening or otherwise inappropriate material via any form of electronic communication. Live streaming or social media posting during the school day is not allowed and automatically violates the electronic device policy.

If a student is found to be in violation of this policy regarding cell phones and electronic devices are subject to appropriate disciplinary consequences.

