



Revised RPS Electronics Policy

This policy is intended to support the Positive Learning Environment policy. RPS expects that the use of cell phones and other electronic devices will be prohibited while on school property, except during designated times.

The designated times for personal electronics use are as follows:

- Before Homeroom in the morning
- During the noon hour
- After the 2:20 bell in the afternoon if leaving, or if staying for activity period at 3:00 (not while in library)
- Please note that personal electronics should not be used during transition times between classes.

To ensure compliance with this policy, students must keep their cell phones and other electronic devices turned off and stored in their lockers, except during the designated periods. If a student needs to contact their parents or vice versa, they may use office phones.

Also, personal cameras, whether separate or built-in, to capture images or video at school are prohibited. Electronic devices covered by this policy include cell phones, camera phones, MP3 players, and any other electronic device that could disrupt the positive learning environment.

The use of electronic devices during instructional time can have several negative consequences, including:

- Detracting from school safety and crisis preparedness
- Infringing on privacy legislation
- Contributing to cheating
- Facilitating cyberbullying during class time via text messaging
- Facilitating illegal activity

To ensure compliance and address any violations of this policy, the following specific actions will be taken:

- If a student is found using or seen with an electronic device at school during undesignated times, the following procedure will be followed:
- The device will be delivered to the office by the student.
- In the office, the device will be logged in and kept in a secure location.
- Caregivers will be notified.

Occurrences and consequences

- 1st Occurrence: Caregivers will be called, and the student will be able to pick up the device at the office at the end of the day.
- 2nd Occurrence: Caregivers will be called. They will be responsible for picking up the device at the office.
- 3rd Occurrence: Caregivers will be called and will be responsible for picking up the device. A meeting will be scheduled with the administration, and an incident will be entered in Power School.
- 4th Occurrence: Caregivers will be called and will be responsible for picking up the device. The student will receive a one-day in-school suspension.

By implementing and adhering to this revised electronics policy, we aim to create a focused and positive learning environment for all students.



RPS Electronics Policy for Students

We want to make sure our school is a great place for everyone to learn, so we have some rules about using cell phones and other electronic devices.

Here's what you need to know:

When and Where to Use Your Devices

You can only use your personal electronics during specific times:

- Before Homeroom in the morning
- During the noon hour (lunchtime)
- After the 2:20 bell in the afternoon if you're leaving, or if you're staying for the activity period at 3:00 (not while in library)
- Please remember not to use your devices during the times when you're moving between classes.

Keeping Your Devices Safe

- To make sure there are no distractions, you need to keep your cell phone and other electronic devices turned off and stored in your locker during school hours, except for the designated times.
- If you ever need to contact your parents or reach you, you can use the office phones.

No Picture-Taking Allowed

- It's important to respect people's privacy, so you're not allowed to take pictures or videos with your devices while you're at school.

What Devices Are Included

- The electronic devices we're talking about include cell phones, camera phones, MP3 players, and any other gadgets that could disrupt our learning environment.

Why We Have These Rules

- Using electronic devices during class time can cause problems, like:
- Making it harder to keep everyone safe during emergencies.
- Violating privacy laws.
- Creating opportunities for cheating.
- Allowing cyberbullying to happen through text messages.
- Facilitating illegal activities.

Consequences for Not Following the Rules

- If you're caught using your device when you shouldn't be, here's what will happen:
- The device will be taken to the office by you.
- It will be kept in a safe place while you're in school.
- Your caregivers (parents or guardians) will be notified.

What Happens If This Isn't Your First Time Breaking the Rules

- **First time:** Your caregivers will be called, and you can pick up your device at the office at the end of the day.
- **Second time:** Your caregivers will be called, and they will need to come to the office to pick up your device.
- **Third time:** Your caregivers will be called, they'll need to pick up your device, and there will be a meeting scheduled with the school administration. It will also be noted in Power School.
- **Fourth time:** Your caregivers will be called, they'll need to pick up your device, and you'll have to serve a one-day in-school suspension.

By following these rules, we can make sure our school is a safe and focused place for everyone to learn. Let's respect the policy and create an awesome learning environment together!