

Hampton High School Communication Device Policy

Research shows that reducing social media consumption and communication device use will help build strong social connections and support mental wellness. Furthermore, by minimizing distractions caused by devices, this policy will help students be present in the lesson and engaged in their learning.

The use of communication devices (i.e.: cell phones, SMART watches, headphones/earbuds, etc.) will be permitted before and after school, between classes, and during lunch.

The use of communication devices will not be permitted during periods 1-5 in the classroom, including Working Period and restroom breaks.

- If students choose to bring a communication device to school, they **MUST** place their device in their backpacks, lockers, or designated phone storage area in the classroom (i.e.: basket, cell hotel, etc.), at teachers' discretion.
- If a student needs to leave the room, communication devices must remain in the classroom.
- School staff are not responsible for the loss or damage to students' devices. Students are strongly encouraged to keep their devices in their locker or backpack to ensure safe keeping.
- If students need to place an emergency phone call during class time, permission from the classroom teacher is required to go to the office.
- If parents/guardians need to contact their child, in case of an emergency, they should call the school's main office: (506) 832-6024.
- SMART watches may be worn in class, but they must be placed on "airplane mode" or "do not disturb" mode.

If a student refuses to comply with the communication device policy, they may face the following consequences, including but not limited to:

- A reminder/warning will be issued. The classroom teacher will notify parent(s)/guardian(s).
- The device will be brought to the school office, where it will be kept until dismissal, and a tier 1 detention, with the teacher, will be assigned. The classroom teacher will notify parent(s)/guardian(s).
- The device will be brought to the school office, where it will be kept until dismissal, and a tier 2 detention will be assigned. An administrator will contact the student's parent(s)/guardian(s).
- Phone Suspension: The student's device must be checked into school office upon arrival or left at home.
- Repeated Infractions: Administrators will take action (i.e.: long-term phone suspension, out of school suspension).