CELL PHONES AND OTHER PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

The Murray City School District Board of Education recognizes the value of electronic communication devices as learning tools. These devices are neither good nor bad inherently and require understanding and training to be used appropriately in an educational setting and in life. Riverview Junior High’s electronic device policy is built around this premise. Electronic devices may be used before school, after school, and lunches. Personal electronic devices are not to be out in the classroom (including PLUS Time) or the halls during and between classes (this includes library, main office, counseling office, etc.). It is recommended that cell phones and personal electronic devices remain in a locker during the school day. During class time, devices should be silent and kept out of sight, unless they are being used under the direction of the teacher. If a student uses or displays a cell phone/electronic device without the teacher’s permission it may be confiscated.

Privately Owned Electronic devices shall not be used in a way that threatens, bullies, humiliates, harasses, or intimidates any school-related individuals. This includes students, employees and guests. Devices should never be used in a way that violates local, state or federal law.

Devices shall not be used to access inappropriate material on the Internet and World Wide Web while using school services or connectivity whether on or off school property. Privately owned electronic devices shall not be used during standardized assessments.

Definition of privately owned electronic device. “Privately Owned Electronic Device” means a device that is used for audio, video, or text communication or any other type of computer or computer-like instrument that is not owned and issued by the school including: a) a smart phone; b) a smart or electronic watch; c) a tablet; or d) a virtual reality device.

Earphones are not to be out in the hall or in the classrooms and have the same guidelines and consequences as electronic devices.

Students are responsible to comply with the Acceptable Use Policy guidelines when utilizing personal electronic devices at the school.

(PS405) Disciplinary measures and/or law enforcement referral will be enforced when students use these devices inappropriately in the school environment.

Consequences for violating Cell Phone and Other Electronic Devices Policy

1st infraction – Cell phone/electronic device confiscated and sent to office, returned end of the day

2nd infraction – Cell phone/electronic device confiscated and sent to office, student talks with Admin, parent notified and item returned end of the day
3rd infraction – Cell phone/electronic device confiscated and sent to office, parent must come to retrieve cell phone

4th infraction – Cell phone/electronic device confiscated and sent to office and administrative intervention.

Refusal to hand over phone/electronic device when requested will result in an office referral and parent notification.

Exceptions

With prior approval of the principal, the above prohibitions may be relaxed under the following circumstances:

• the use is specifically required to implement a student’s current and valid IEP;
• the use is at the direction of a teacher for educational purposes;
• the use is determined by the principal to be necessary for other special circumstances.

Reporting

Individuals wishing to report a violation of this policy should contact a school administrator or teacher.

Cell phones, cameras, and any device which can compromise personal privacy, such as in a locker room and/or bathroom, are prohibited. The violation of one’s privacy in such a manner will result in school and/or district consequences, including a law enforcement referral.

Students shall be personally and solely responsible for the security of electronic devices brought to school. The school shall not investigate nor assume responsibility for theft, loss, damage, or unauthorized calls made with an electronic device. (PS 417.2)