



McCLOUTH BULLDOGS

K-12

CELL PHONES & PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

— BELL-TO-BELL POLICY —



In accordance with Kansas House Bill 2299 and district policy, the school maintains a **bell-to-bell restriction** on student use and possession of personal electronic devices during the school day. This policy is intended to support student learning, increase student engagement, and maintain a distraction-free educational environment.



Personal electronic devices include, but are not limited to, cell phones, smartwatches, earbuds, headphones, tablets, e-readers, and similar electronic devices.

WHAT STUDENTS NEED TO KNOW



LEAVE IT AT HOME

Students are strongly encouraged to leave personal electronic devices at home or in their vehicle.



STORE IT AWAY

If a student brings a personal electronic device onto school property, the device must be secured in their backpack and/or locker if a locker is assigned during the school day.



NO USE DURING SCHOOL HOURS

Students may not possess, carry, display, access, or use personal electronic devices during school hours. Any device found or used during the school day will be considered a violation unless authorized by school administration for an approved educational, medical, or emergency purpose.



FAILURE TO COMPLY

Failure to comply with this policy may result in disciplinary action and/or confiscation of the device in accordance with school and district procedures.

CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATIONS

A violation occurs when a student possesses, accesses, uses, displays, or fails to properly secure a personal electronic device as required by school policy.

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1ST VIOLATION

- Device is confiscated.
- Parent/guardian notified.
- Device may be picked up by parent/guardian.

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2ND VIOLATION

- Device is confiscated.
- Parent/guardian notified.
- Parent/guardian must pick up the device.
- Additional disciplinary action may occur.

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3RD VIOLATION AND BEYOND

- Device is confiscated.
- Parent/guardian notified.
- Additional disciplinary actions will be assigned.

WHY IT MATTERS



BETTER FOCUS

Fewer distractions help students stay focused and do their best.



STRONGER CONNECTIONS

More face-to-face interactions build positive relationships and school culture.



IMPROVED LEARNING

Students retain more and engage more when devices are put away.



SAFER SCHOOLS

Limiting device use helps keep our schools safe and supportive for everyone.

STUDENT/PARENT COMMUNICATION



FOR STUDENTS

Tell a teacher if you need help contacting home.



VISIT THE OFFICE

During a passing period or lunch to place a call or request help sending a message.



FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

You can call or email the school office.



URGENT SITUATIONS

Messages may be delivered to students, or students may be asked to report to the office to use a phone.



OTHERWISE

Students may be notified to pick up a note between class periods or after school.



REFUSAL TO SURRENDER A DEVICE

Refusal to surrender a device upon request by a staff member or administrator will be considered insubordination and may result in additional disciplinary consequences in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.



EXCEPTIONS

Exceptions may be granted for approved educational, medical, or emergency purposes as authorized by school administration. If parents have questions or concerns regarding technology exceptions, please contact the school by phone or email; nurses/health services staff may also reach out.



EVERY STUDENT, EVERY DAY

