

Electronic Communication Devices Policy Change 2017/18



Purpose- To create an environment of academic excellence free of distractions so students and teachers can be their best enabling them to teach and learn to their fullest.

Monticello High School holds high expectations for student behavior, academic integrity and responsible use of cell phones, digital/video cameras and/or phones and other personal electronic devices capable of capturing and/or transmitting data or images. Students who possess or use such devices at school must do so with the greatest respect for the educational environment and the rights and privacy of all individuals within the school community. At no time are students to record pictures or videos of students or adults without consent. Electronic communication devices including but not limited to cell phones, digital/video cameras, iPods, MP3s and devices capable of transmitting data or images are to be **silenced and kept out of sight during instructional time (7:30-11:05 and 12:00-2:40) unless authorized by the teacher.**

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- In the case of medical necessity or emergency, a student should speak with a school principal to receive advanced permission for cell phone use during the school day.

Electronic devices may be used during non-instruction times and only in hallway or lunchroom.

Infraction Steps:

1- An employee shall direct students as they see fit for their classroom (warning/confiscation of device).

2- Confiscation of device by an employee and turned into the office. Parents will be notified by school personnel. The cell phone will be returned to a parent at the end of the school day.

3- Confiscation of device by an employee and turned into the office. The third infraction will result in a conference with the principal, behavior contract and notification of the parent. The cell phone will be returned to a parent at the end of the school day. The contract may include loss of privileges to possess a cellular phone or electronic device at school for a set period of time.

- **We realize that having to pick up a student's phone or device may be inconvenient and therefore we recommend you discuss this policy with your student in order to avoid this problem.**
- **Students who have electronic devices confiscated more than three times or refuse to hand over the electronic devices will receive a minimum of a 1 day suspension. Any violation of this policy may also, at the principal's discretion, result in additional disciplinary action.**