

Cell Phones and Personal Communication Devices (PCD)

Parkview Junior/Senior High School is one-to-one with Chromebooks. A personal communication device is not necessary for instruction and presents a distraction to student learning; therefore, cell phones, earbuds/headphones, or other personal communication devices are NOT allowed during class time or at assemblies. This cell phone expectation is meant to balance responsible use of cell phones during the school day with the need to maintain an engaging, distraction-free learning environment. Cell phones, earbuds/headphones, and other mobile devices shall not be used in a way that disrupts the learning environment. Students are encouraged to leave their phone in their locked locker during class time. Students who choose to keep them on their person must have them powered off and/or silenced during class time. Students may use devices during lunch in the commons, during passing times, before and after school and during school emergencies, such as a severe weather emergency that prevents students from leaving the building at their regular time or a safety threat, such as an armed intruder. Phones may not be used in the hallways during class time, in restrooms or locker rooms at any time – Policy #731.1 Locker Room/Restroom Privacy. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in loss of phone privileges in the building and confiscation of the device. Possession of a cell phone by Jr/Sr high school students is a privilege and not a right. The District is not responsible for the safety or security of personal electronic devices that students choose to bring to school.

If parents or guardians need to contact a student during the school day, please contact the Parkview Jr/Sr High School Office. Students may use a PCD while riding a school bus or other district vehicle to and from school; however, students may not use a PCD in a way that might reasonably create in the mind of another person an impression of being threatened, humiliated, harassed, embarrassed, or intimidated. In particular, students are prohibited from using PCDs to 1. Transmit material that is threatening, obscene, disruptive, or sexually explicit or that can be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based upon race; color; national origin; sex including sexual orientation or transgender identity; disability; age; religion; ancestry; or political beliefs; and 2. Engage in sexting, i.e., sending, receiving, sharing, viewing, or possessing pictures, text messages, emails, or other materials of a sexual nature in an electronic or any other form. Violations of these prohibitions shall result in disciplinary action. Furthermore, such actions will be reported to local law enforcement and child services as required by law.

Students are allowed to use PCDs at the following times:

1. In hallways and at lockers before and after school.
2. During passing time.
3. During lunch periods.
4. After school and during extracurricular events and activities.
5. On field trips at the discretion of staff and with administrative approval.

Consequences:

A student using their personal communication device inappropriately will have their PCD confiscated and later returned to the student or parent or guardian, depending on the number of offenses. Refusal to turn in their actual PCD will result in disciplinary action in addition to the consequences below.

- **First Offense:**
 - The student or a staff member will bring the student's PCD to the office for the student to pick up at the end of the day.

- **Second Offense:**
 - The student or a staff member will bring the student's PCD to the office for the student to pick up at the end of the day. The student must turn in their PCD to the office for the next five (5) school days.
- **Third Offense:**
 - The student or a staff member will bring the student's PCD to the office, and a parent or guardian will pick up the PCD. The student must turn in their PCD to the office for the next fifteen (15) school days.
- **Fourth Offense:**
 - The student or a staff member will bring the student's PCD to the office, and a parent or guardian will pick up the PCD. The student must turn in their PCD to the office for the next thirty (30) school days.
- **Fifth Offense:**
 - The student or a staff member will bring the student's PCD to the office, and a parent or guardian will pick up the PCD. The student must turn in their PCD to the office for the remainder of the school year.

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