



Cell Phone Use in School

West Fargo Public Schools holds high expectations for learner behavior, academic integrity, and responsible use of existing and emerging technology, such as cell phones, iPods, iPads, laptops, and other personal electronic devices capable of transmitting data or images. Learners who possess and/or use such devices at school or school-sponsored events shall demonstrate the greatest respect for the educational environment. Standards for responsible use at school, on busses, or at school activities:

- Learners shall not use any electronic device that in any way disrupts or detracts from the educational environment. Electronic devices are inclusive of cell phones, smart watches, earbuds, and school-issued devices.
- Cell phones must be out-of-sight and out-of-use from the first bell to the last bell of all classes, including during study halls and within flexed learning spaces that are an extension of a classroom.
- Cell phones may be used appropriately and respectfully in common spaces during non-instructional times, including passing time, the student lunch period, and before and after school.
- It is the learner's responsibility to secure their electronic devices to show care for their technology devices and personal information. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen items or individual service plan charges related to use of electronic devices.
- Learners are expected to respect the network and adhere to the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) when using school-issued and personal electronic devices. Learners will be expected to access the district's Wi-Fi network via their iPad during designated school activities unless connections are unavailable. Wi-Fi is not available for learners' personal electronic devices.
- Photographing or recording of another person should be used for educational purposes as defined by the educator. Any use of an electronic device for other than educational purposes will result in a consequence. Messages and photos on an electronic device are subject to viewing by administration given reasonable suspicion of a crime or school infraction.
- The use of cellular phones or other personal electronic devices is strictly prohibited in locker rooms and restrooms.

The first time a phone is delivered to the Main Office due to an infraction of this policy, it will be returned to the learner at the end of their instructional day. Further violations of this policy will result in additional consequences including, but not limited to, requiring phones to be turned into the Main Office for a predetermined number of days, requiring the family to pick up the cell phone, and family meetings.