

PORTABLE COMMUNICATION DEVICE POLICY

AT-A-GLANCE



ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- Bring to school
- Deactivated and stored in the student's backpack during entire school day
Unless authorized to do so due to their IEP, 504 Plan, or Nursing Plan
- Use before and after school
- Use on buses

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

- Bring to school
- Must be stored in locker
- Deactivated during entire school day
- Use before and after school
- Use on buses
- Wear a portable communication device (smartwatch), but must be deactivated

HIGH SCHOOLS

- Bring to school
- Must not be visible and must be deactivated during instructional time
- Use during lunch
- Use before and after school
- Use on buses
- Wear a portable communication device (smartwatch), but must be deactivated



ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- Use during instructional time
Includes in classrooms, media centers, labs, and assemblies
- Use to photograph, video and/or audio record
- Wear portable communication devices (smartwatches) during the school day
- Use in a manner that is out of alignment with the Board Policy

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

- Use during instructional time
Includes in classrooms, media centers, labs, and assemblies
- Use to photograph, video and/or audio record
- Use in a manner that is out of alignment with the Board Policy

HIGH SCHOOLS

- Use during instructional time
Includes in classrooms, media centers, labs, and assemblies
- Use to photograph, video and/or audio record
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Failure to comply with these expectations and others outlined in the Portable Communication Device Policy 06-0005-000 may result in: teacher warning, communication with parent/guardian, loss of privilege to bring devices to school, report submitted to administration, detention, in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension.

For more information on Board of Education of Harford County policies, visit www.hcps.org/boe/policiesprocedures

