



North Shore Elementary School

Wireless Device Policy and Consequences

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POWER UP LEARNING! Back to school is the perfect time to power up our brains, dive into learning, and get familiar with our cell phone policy. Education becomes epic when we focus on learning together – so remember to power down personal devices and power up your education!

Pinellas County Schools Elementary School Cell Phone Policy

- Cell Phones Off During School Hours: Students are required to keep their devices turned off throughout the school day and during all school activities.
- Smartwatches On Silent During School Hours: Students may wear smartwatches in silent mode during the school day.
- Parents are advised the best way to get in touch with their child during the school day is by calling the child's school office. Please reserve smartwatches for safety reasons, emergency communication, or location tracking only to avoid classroom disruptions.
- Permitted Use After School: Students may use their devices once the school day has ended with the permission of an adult.

Consequences for Not Following Our Cell Phone Policy

1. First Offense:

- The student receives a warning.
- The parent or guardian is notified by classroom teacher and documented in FOCUS.

2. Second Offense:

- The phone is confiscated and must be picked up by a parent or guardian.
- The student receives a referral.
- The parent or guardian is notified by administration and documented in FOCUS.

3. Third Offense:

- The phone is confiscated and must be picked up by a parent or guardian.
- The student receives a referral and an in-school suspension.
- The parent or guardian is notified by administration and documented in FOCUS.
- The student must drop off their phone at the front office each morning and pick it up at the end of the day.
- The student may be removed from extra-curricular activities. (For example: patrols, the news crew, and the Elementary National Honor Society, etc.)

4. Fourth Offense:

- The phone is confiscated and must be picked up by a parent or guardian.
- The student receives a referral and an out-of-school suspension.
- The parent or guardian is notified by administration and documented in FOCUS.
- The student must drop off their phone at the front office each morning and pick it up at the end of the day.
- The student will be ineligible to apply for or may be removed from patrols, the news crew, and the Elementary National Honor Society.

**By following these guidelines, we can ensure that our learning environment remains focused and productive.
Let's power up our learning and make this school year the best one yet!**