

Our primary responsibility is to educate students. In support of that responsibility, we recognize the importance and necessity of electronic devices, and that they can be used in ways to enhance and improve learning for all students. We must ensure that the use or presence of electronic devices does not disrupt or interfere with the educational process or school operations, or impair the safety, welfare and privacy of students or faculty/staff. Research has shown that inappropriate use of electronic devices during school hours and class time can have a negative impact on student achievement, and that they have been found to be common tools used in situations of academic dishonesty.

We understand that parents/guardians and children may need/want to communicate during school hours. The best and most appropriate way to do so is by contacting the school office directly. We respectfully request that all parents/guardians and children comply with this during school hours.

WAYNE MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

1. School issued electronic devices (iPads, cases, charging adapters, cables, etc.) and content (apps, programs, internet access, etc.) are school property, not personal property. They are to be used as educational devices and tools, in accordance with faculty/staff instruction. They are not toys. They are to be used, treated, and handled with care and respect.
2. Possession and use of electronic devices (at school, during school hours, or during extra-curricular activities) is a privilege, and that privilege can be forfeited by anyone who fails to abide by, or otherwise abuses, the terms of this policy.
3. Personal electronic devices are permitted at school, in accordance with this policy. The use of electronic devices (school or personal) for social media, games, entertainment (music, video, pictures, etc.) may be permitted before/after school, or during lunch time. It is not permissible for "personal use" of electronic devices (school or personal) to interfere or conflict with education and instruction by faculty/staff.
4. There shall be no expectation of confidentiality with respect to use of electronic devices on school premises/property. Electronic devices may be confiscated and searched if there is a reasonable suspicion that it may have been used inappropriately.
5. ALL electronic devices (school or personal) are to be used in accordance with faculty/staff approval and instructions. A faculty/staff member may request that an electronic device be put away or turned off at any time.
6. No one is permitted to record (photograph, video, audio) any student or faculty/staff member without that person's explicit permission, and only by direction of a faculty/staff member.
7. All are personally and solely responsible for the care, safeguarding, and security of their electronic devices (school or personal). No responsibility is assumed for theft, loss, damage, or misuse/unauthorized use of electronic devices.
8. A person who discovers that someone is using an electronic device in violation of this policy is required to report the violation to the office.
9. The presence and use of any electronic device that contains a built-in camera that can capture imagery (photographs or video), is prohibited in locker rooms, shower facilities, or restrooms/bathrooms.
10. Electronic devices may not be used in any way that might reasonably create in the mind of another person an impression of being threatened, humiliated, harassed, embarrassed, intimidated, or bullied.
11. It is prohibited to use electronic devices to:
 - a. transmit material that is disruptive, threatening, obscene, or sexually explicit or that can be construed as harassment, or disparagement of others, in electronic or any other form.
 - b. engage in sending, receiving, sharing, viewing, or possessing pictures, text messages, e-mails or other materials of a sexual nature (e.g. "sexting") in electronic or any other form.

NOTE - Violation of these prohibitions shall result in immediate disciplinary action, and will be reported to local law enforcement, or other agencies, as required by law.

12. Electronic devices are not to be used to capture, record, or transmit test information or any other information in a manner constituting fraud, theft, cheating, or academic dishonesty. Students are also prohibited from using electronic devices to receive such information.

PENALTIES AND CONSEQUENCES

First Offense

- Device (school or personal) will be confiscated and taken to the office.
- Discipline referral will be logged into student discipline file.
- Device (school) may be obtained at the school office at the end of the school day

Second Offense

- Device will be confiscated and taken to the office.
- Discipline referral will be logged into student discipline file.
- One hour after-school detention.
- Parent/Guardian will need to obtain device from the school office.

Third Offense

- Device will be confiscated and taken to the office.
- Discipline referral will be logged into student discipline file.
- Two hours after-school detention.
- Parent/Guardian will need to obtain device from the school office, after one (1) week.
- Principal will meet with parent/guardian and student to address the problem.

NOTE – ANY CONTINUALLY REPEATED OFFENSES THAT ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY WILL RESULT IN MEASURES BEING TAKEN THAT ARE DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY WAYNE MIDDLE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS.

DAMAGED/BROKEN/LOST ITEMS

The first occurrence of school issued electronic devices (iPads) being damaged or broken by a student will be covered (repaired/replaced) by the "iPad/technology fee" paid at the beginning of a school year. Any subsequent occurrence of school issued electronic devices or related equipment (iPads, cases, charging adapters, cables, etc.) being damaged or broken by a Student, will result in a fine/fee being assessed to cover the cost to repair/replace the damaged/broken item, up to \$150.00. School issued electronic devices (iPads, cases, charging adapters, cables, etc.) that are lost will result in a fine/fee being assessed to cover the cost to replace the lost item, up to \$150.00.

NOTE – ANY DAMAGE OR BREAKAGE THAT IS DEEMED TO BE A RESULT OF DELIBERATE, WILLFUL, INTENTIONAL, CARELESS, OR NEGLIGENT TREATMENT WILL RESULT IN AN IMMEDIATE FINE/FEE OF \$150.00, AND THIRD OFFENSE PENALTIES AND CONSEQUENCES BEING IMPLEMENTED.

I have READ, UNDERSTAND, and AGREE to the Wayne Middle School Electronic Device Policy.

Name of Student (print)

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date