

CELL PHONE POLICY

The Fordson High School Cell Phone/Electronic Device Policy helps to support a safe and productive learning environment in our school, and supports the Dearborn Public Schools Bylaws & Policies regarding use of cellular phones (policy 5518). Cell phones/electronic devices have become a distraction to the learning process. Students should not bring electronic devices to be used throughout the school day. However, if they choose to bring them, the following policy will be strictly adhered to for the upcoming school year:

Fordson High School will not be responsible or liable for, the theft, loss, data loss, damage, destruction, misuse or vandalism of any student's personal electronic device brought onto school property.

Students **may possess or use** personal electronic devices on school property during these designated times:

- **Before school** until the beginning of the school day (7:15 a.m.)
- **During a student's lunch period**
- **After school** after the bell rings at 2:15

Throughout the rest of the school day, cell phones (including multiple phones per student, as well as "dummy/fake" phones) **should be turned off**, and turned in to a teacher-designated area in the classroom, and out of sight in the hallways between classes. (For PE/gym classes, the phones need to be locked and secured in the gym locker. It can not be seen or heard during the class hour).

By allowing students to carry cell phones/electronic devices into the building, students and their families are consenting to a search of that property by school officials when the need to conduct a search is determined. Instances may include, but are not limited to: bullying, harassment, academic integrity (cheating), threats, inappropriate or unintended photos of students and staff, or any other actions deemed inappropriate by administration.

If a student is found to be in violation of this Cell Phone/Electronic Device Policy, **the personal electronic device WILL BE confiscated by school personnel.**

- **First Violation:** The device will **ONLY be returned to a parent/guardian** at the end of the day/beginning of the next day.
- **Second Violation:** The device will be **ONLY be returned to a parent/guardian** on the next Monday or Friday, which will be designated as cell phone pick up day (depending on when the incident took place).
- **Third Violation:** The device will be kept by the school until the end of the school year/semester and must be picked up **ONLY by the parent/guardian**.
- **Fourth & Future Violations:** The student will receive a disorderly conduct ticket issued by the Dearborn Police Department, where the parents must pay a fine in order to have the device returned to them.

REFUSAL TO TURN IN CELL PHONE/ELECTRONIC DEVICE

If student and/or parent refuses to turn in the cell phone/electronic device, the incident will be considered insubordination and the following:

- **First Violation Refusal:** Automatic **one day suspension & parent meeting for the student to return**
- **Second Violation Refusal:** Automatic **three day suspension & parent meeting for the student to return**
- **Third Violation Refusal:** Automatic **five day suspension & parent meeting for the student to return**