

HPCA HIGH SCHOOL CELL PHONE POLICY

2025-2026



Cell phones, smart watches, smart glasses, and other electronic devices can be distracting to both students and faculty. Cell phones, music devices, and other non-school-issued electronic devices should not be activated or visible during the school day unless authorized by the teacher for academic purposes only. Smart watches may be asked to be removed at the teacher's or administration's discretion.

If parents need to send an urgent message to their child or speak with them, office personnel will assist with these matters.

High School students have three options: leave their phone in their vehicle, at home, or turn it in at the high school main entrance each morning.

For students choosing to bring their cell phones into the building:

1. Students are to turn in their cell phones at the high school's main entrance between 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. (Late arriving students will turn in their phones to the main office upon arrival.)
2. Phones will be kept secure at the front high school office during the school day.
3. At the end of lunch, students may retrieve their devices from the high school's main front entrance or from their cars.
4. Phones will be stored in the classroom wall pockets during 4th period.

For students choosing to leave their cell phones in their vehicles:

1. At the end of lunch, students may pick up their devices from their vehicles.
2. Phones will be stored in the classroom wall pockets during 4th period.

If a student must have a cell phone for (significant and electronically monitored) medical conditions, his or her parents must schedule a meeting with the principal and provide medical documentation. High School administration will determine if the exception can be made, but the same policies and consequences are in place if the phone is used outside of the purpose for which administration has deemed acceptable.

If the medical exception is approved, the cell phone must remain in the student's backpack or packed away in a bag on or near the student. The device may only be used for health purposes.

Consequences

For a first violation, students who violate this procedure will have their devices collected and sent to the office. Students may pick it up at the end of the day from the High School Dean of Students and will serve a silent lunch detention. Parents will be notified.

For a second violation, parents must pick up the device, and the student will serve two silent lunch detentions.

For a third violation, parents must pick up the device, the student will serve two silent lunches and will receive two demerits, and will also not receive the phone back until the end of the school day for the following three weeks.

High School administration reserves the right to amend these consequences based on the severity of individual situations.

Thank you for your partnership. We believe this change will enhance our students' ability to engage deeply in their learning, build stronger face-to-face relationships, and grow in self-discipline.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to your High School Leadership Team.