

DIS & RHS Cell Phone Policy

(All rules include earbud use as well.)

Cell Phone & Education Research:

Research has shown that cell phone usage has become a major distraction for the learning process for teenagers. Students across the country are spending inordinate amounts of time engaged with their cell phones and Smart devices. This decreases the engagement students have with their teachers, peers, and in the entire educational experience. Radford City Schools understands that cell phones and Smart devices play an integral role in our lives, however, the integrity of our teaching and learning environment needs to be preserved. Cell phones have caused a rise of discipline issues, bullying, and cheating. To that end, Radford High School and Dalton Intermediate have developed the following cell phone policy to allow certain times when cell phone use will be permitted.

RHS Student Cell Phone Expectations & Consequences:

- Students will be allowed to use their phones before and after school and during lunch time.
- Students may use their cell phones during transition periods between classes.
- Students **will not** be allowed to use their phones during all instructional times, assemblies, or any class time.
- Consequences:
 - 1st Offense: Lunch Detention (1 hour).
 - 2nd Offense: In School Suspension, ISS (1 day).
 - 3rd Offense: In School Suspension, ISS (3 Days), and loss of all cell phone privileges.
 - 4th Offense: Out of School Suspension, OSS (1 day)
 - All students found in violation of this policy will have their cell phones confiscated and the phone will be returned at the end of the school day. 3rd and 4th offenses will be returned to a parent only.
- This policy applies to cell phones, earbuds, airpods, Smart watches and all other Smart devices.

DIS Student Cell Phone Expectations & Consequences:

- Students will be allowed to use their phones during lunch time only.
- Students **will not** be allowed to use their phones while transitioning between classes.
- Students **will not** be allowed to use their phones during any instructional times, assemblies, or any class time.
- Consequences:
 - 1st Offense: Teacher warning
 - 2nd Offense: Lunch Detention; Phone will be given to the administrator until the end of the day
 - 3rd Offense: Multiple days of Lunch Detention; Parent contact; Phone will be given to the administrator and will be returned to a parent only (as per decision of administrator)
 - 4th Offense: Consequences at the discretion of the administrator; May include parent conference, ISS, etc.
- This policy applies to cell phones, earbuds, airpods, Smart watches and all other Smart devices.