

Kernan Middle School

Cell Phone/Electronic Device Policy 2023 – 2024

Maintaining the integrity of the learning environment is the top priority at KMS.

Unauthorized Use of Wireless Communication Devices or Cell Phone – Possession of a wireless communication device is not an infraction of the Code of Student Conduct. However, it is an infraction of the Code of Student Conduct when the possession of a wireless communication device disrupts the educational process. This includes the unauthorized use of a wireless communication devices to capture images or recordings without permission during school hours and/or the unauthorized use on school buses in the absence of an emergency concerning safety-to-life issues (defined as a bus accident, mechanical breakdown which delays the normal route, and/or thirty (30) minutes or more in a route delay).

School Board employees or agents will not be held liable for wireless communication devices that are lost, stolen, or confiscated. Florida Statute 1006.07 (2)(e) requires school districts to notify parents/guardians that students who use wireless communication devices in the commission of a criminal act may face school disciplinary action and/or criminal penalties.

KMS Cell Phone Policy

- Students MUST have their cell phones/electronic devices (including earbuds/headphones) off and out of sight; cell phone use shall cause no distraction or disruption.
- Cell phones will be out of sight during instructional time (inside and outside of classrooms).
- The only exception to the above policies is as follows: cell phones and tablets, used for instructional purposes will be permitted, with the teacher's explicit permission and supervision.
- Fire drills, safety drills, assemblies, and transitions are considered cell phone blackouts.
- **Students may NOT take cell phones on a hall pass, including restroom passes. They may leave cell phones in their backpacks or turn them in to the teacher prior to leaving on a hall pass.**

Cell Phone/Electronic Device Violation Procedures

1st Violation → Verbal Warning and student will be asked to put the cell phone/device.

If a student complies immediately with an employee's request for the student to put the phone away, the first time they are reminded, no further consequences will be applied.

Violation 2nd - 4th → Parent Contact/ Confiscation of Device. Device will be held in a House Office and returned to the student at the end of the day.

Violation 5th + → Referral/ Parent Contact/ Device held in a House Office and **Returned to Parent/** School Counselor Referral/ Code of Conduct applied. *Code of Conduct 1.09*

It is the expectation that parents/guardians should only contact students through the school office during school hours.

Use of Electronic Devices to violate other Standards of Conduct as outlined in Code of Conduct, will result in additional consequences.



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