

# Western Beaver Junior-Senior High School



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**To:** Parents and Students of Western Beaver Jr/Sr High School

**From:** Mr. David M. Brandon, Principal

**Date:** August 5, 2022

**Re:** Updated Cellphone Policy

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In an effort to minimize classroom disruptions and maximize instructional time, the cellphone policy for the Jr/Sr High has been updated for the upcoming school year.

Cellphones and personal electronic devices (PEDs) are not permitted to be used during instructional/class time, including study hall and homeroom. The following restrictions also apply during class time:

## **Junior High (Grades 6-8)**

- Students are prohibited from using cell phones and personal electronic devices. These devices, if brought to school, must be kept in his/her locker/bag (out of sight) and cannot be used during the school day. Devices are not permitted to be carried on one's self. No exceptions! A student violating this policy will have his/her phone, or any other PED, confiscated and taken to the office. A parent/guardian must retrieve the item from the office at his/her convenience.

## **Senior High (Grades 9-12)**

Cell phones and PEDs are not permitted to be used during instructional/class time, including study halls and homerooms. The following restrictions also apply during class time:

- Cellphones and PEDs must be turned off (or on silent mode) and stored in the cellphone organizer provided in each classroom. This includes, but not limited to, smart watches, air pods, ear buds, and headphones.
- All said items must remain in the organizer during the duration of each class, even while using the restroom, nurse, or office privileges.

- Any student caught with a cell phone, smart watch, headphones, air pods or any other PED during class time will have the item confiscated and turned into the office. A parent/guardian must retrieve the device at his/her convenience.
- Failure to comply will be considered insubordination. Refer the 2022-23 Student Handbook for consequences pertaining to insubordination.

The district will no longer provide wireless access for student cellular devices during school hours. Such networks will only be available for laptops and tablets that are registered through the district. Details to register such devices will be provided at a later date, prior to the first day of school.

District Administration appreciates your support in our policy changes and we look forward to a great start the new school year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Brandon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David M. Brandon