



HEDLEY ISD CELL PHONE POLICY

Hedley ISD Parents and Students,

As the beginning to the 2022-2023 school year is fast approaching, I want to share this information with you regarding the updated cell phone/electronics policy for Hedley ISD.

Cell phones have become a major part of our everyday lives, but they have also become a major distraction, and can be a detriment to our classrooms. Our goal is to refocus our students on the primary purpose of school, which is learning and the learning process. We want our teachers to have the best opportunity to be able to teach your child in the best learning environment possible. We want our students to have interpersonal skills to be able to communicate in face-to-face conversations with their teachers, other adults, and their peers. When they are constantly on their phones, texting, listening to music through their ear buds, etc. This is not possible.

Beginning this school year, the following cell phone/electronics policy will be in effect for Hedley ISD:

- Phones must be silenced when the 1st bell rings and placed in a designated spot in each teacher's classroom.
- Earbuds, headphones, and smartwatches are to be stored away in bags, backpacks, or purses. They are not to out in the classroom. If teachers have classroom activities that require headphones, the teacher will inform the classroom when the students may use retrieve and use these items.
- Students may use their cell phones, and smart watches in the halls during passing periods and during lunch breaks.
- Cell phones are not to be used during class for any reason without prior approval from the principal; not even for Spanish.
- Cell phones are to be kept in a place designated by the teacher during the entire class period.
- Students may not access their cell phones during class to check messages, answer calls, make calls, etc.
- Students may not take their cell phones with them when they leave the classroom until the class period is over.
- Students are responsible for making sure cell phones are turned off or silenced (including vibrating) during the entire class period.

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The following consequences will be used when the Hedley ISD cell phone policy is not followed:

- Teachers are to take the phone on first offense, document, and give the phone back when class is over. The next offense, and any offense thereafter, goes to the principal with discipline referral including information on when first offense occurred and what was done about it.
- The 1st time a student is sent to the principal will result in the phone being taken for the rest of the school day.
- The 2nd time a student is brought to the principal, the cell phone will be taken for the rest of the day, the student will be assigned detention, and a parent will have to come pick up the cell phone from the principal.
- The 3rd time a student is brought to the principal, the cell phone will be taken for the rest of the day, the student will be assigned detention, the parent will have to come pick the phone up from the principal, and a \$15 charge will be required.
- Any further infractions to the cell phone policy will result in more escalated punishment.

We know that there are times that you will need to get in touch with your child. You may always contact your child by calling or coming to the school, and we will get those messages to your child.

Thank you for your support of Hedley ISD as we continuously strive to create the best educational environment possible that is free from distractions and that helps your child be the best student they can be.