

Crawford Elementary Cellular/Smart Device Policy

Students are not to have cell phones or any other cellular or “smart” device on their person during the school day. This includes cell phones, smart watches of any kind, wireless earbuds and any other cellular device. If a parent wishes a student to have access to a cell phone or smart device for after-school use, the device must be turned off and remain in the student’s backpack during the school day.

Rational: The use of personal mobile devices at school by students has become a huge educational distraction, a source of cyberbullying, a source of time lost on instruction, and a creator of many problems that administrators must investigate. We believe that the removal of these devices from our school buildings will result in a much more productive and safe educational environment.

Are smartwatches allowed?

No, all smart watches must remain off in the students back back if brought to school. These devices will not be allowed to be used on campus.

What about an emergency?

Based on information from law enforcement it is actually safer for students to refrain from using their devices in an emergency. All communication will be shared with families via the schools alert system when it is the appropriate time. In an emergency situation the school's number one priority will be to ensure all students and staff are safe.

Can my child use their device at lunch?

No. Personal electronic devices will not be allowed to be used at any time during the school day.

What happens if my child has out or is using a phone, smart watch or other cellular device at school?

- **1st offense-** \$15 fine, 1 day of lunch detention, parent must pick up device from school
- **2nd offense-** \$15 fine, 2 days of lunch detention, parent must pick up device from school
- **3rd offense-** \$15 fine, 3 days of lunch detention, parent must pick up device from school
- **4th offense-** \$15 fine, 1 day of ISS, parent must pick up device from school
- **5th offense and beyond-** \$15 fine, 3 days of ISS or, parent must pick up device from school. Please note that by the 4th and 5th offense, this is no longer just a “cellular device violation” but rather a pattern of non-compliant behavior and subject to DAEP placement.