

STUDENT POSSESSION & USE OF PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

This program is meant to help maintain an educational focus in the classroom and other study areas and respect the needs of our students to have reasonable access to their phones and other electronic devices. We at Delsea Regional Middle School acknowledge that this is the age of instant communication as well as the need to maintain a proper environment for students, faculty, and the educational process.

1. Students will be permitted to use cell phones, iPods, iPads, and Mp3 players, PSP's, e-readers, laptops, etc. during their scheduled lunch period for **online, gaming, listening and texting purposes only**. Recordings of any kind (pictures, videos, etc.) are not permitted. Students will also not be allowed to view videos on their electronic devices.
2. Use of any device (including Chromebooks) during classroom instruction **will be at the discretion of that teacher and ONLY** when the purpose is for academic reasons to enhance the lesson.
3. Students may also use any and all devices mentioned before and after school.
4. Use on school buses will be permitted unless said use compromises the driver's ability to maintain the safe operation of the bus.
5. Students **will not** be permitted to use electronic devices **in the locker rooms, in the lavatory or during homeroom time**. However students *are* permitted to use their e-readers during SSR.
6. If it is the judgment and discretion of a teacher or administrator that a student using any of these devices is causing a distraction to the safe and academic environment, the student's device may be confiscated and discipline may be administered.
7. Those bringing their own laptops will need to log in with their own network account. The district IT will not support the needs of those personal laptops.
8. All policy and rules found in our "Acceptable Use" Contract will continue to be enforced. Personal media items cannot disrupt the educational environment, undermine academic integrity or violate confidentiality/privacy rights.
9. Students **MAY NOT** use their personal electronic devices to take pictures or to record audio or video. Also, viewing videos on personal electronic devices is prohibited.
10. Students in classes will continue to follow the rules regarding cell phone use as presently stated and enforced; shut off devices and store them in their book bag or locker. Messages can be retrieved during lunch periods or afterschool, but, not in class, the locker rooms, or lavatory.
11. Parents should not be contacting (calling or texting) students during class time. If an emergency should arise, adults can contact Central Office, and the student will be contacted immediately. Students should use the office phones if they need to make a phone call. Phone calls home to parents regarding a sick or injured child should come from the school nurse **ONLY**.
12. The use of cell phones, iPods, Mp3 and/or other electronic devices is a privilege. If one abuses it, that privilege can also be taken away. Delsea Regional Middle School teachers and faculty members have the final say, if they feel that a student is abusing the policy, they may confiscate the devices at any given time.
13. Delsea Regional Middle School is ***NOT*** responsible if cell phones, iPods, MP3's or other personal electronic devices are lost, stolen, or damaged; they are brought in at the risk of their owner.

First Offense: One day of detention and confiscation of device; the device will be returned to the student at the end of the school day.

Second Offense: One Friday School detention and confiscation of the device; the device will be returned to the student at the end of the school day.

Third Offense: One day of Internal Suspension and confiscation of device; the device must be picked up by a parent/guardian.