

Dear Wing Public School Families,

We hope this message finds you well. We want to inform you about an important update regarding the use of personal electronic communication devices (such as cell phones, smartwatches, tablets, and other similar devices) during the school day. As part of our commitment to providing a focused, engaging, and distraction-free learning environment, and in compliance with new <a href="North Dakota state law">North Dakota state law</a> (N.D.C.C. § 15.1-07-41), Wing Public School District has adopted a policy that prohibits the use of personal electronic devices during instructional time.

## What this means:

From the start of the school day until dismissal, students are required to have their personal devices **silenced**, **securely stored**, **and inaccessible** during all instructional time, including class periods, recess, lunch, and passing times. This policy helps ensure students remain fully engaged in learning and have more opportunities for meaningful interactions with peers and teachers.

## **Exceptions:**

The policy allows exceptions for school-owned or approved devices used for educational purposes, medical device accommodations, or other approved accommodations under federal law.

## **Disciplinary Steps for Policy Violations:**

We understand that changes take time to adjust to, and our goal is to work together to support our students. However, to maintain consistency and fairness, the following steps will be taken if a student violates the policy:

- 1. **First Violation:** The device will be confiscated, parents will be contacted, the student will receive a warning, and the device will be returned at the end of the school day.
- 2. **Second Violation:** The device will be confiscated, a parent conference will be held, the device will be returned to the parent during the meeting, and the student will serve a 30-minute detention.

- 3. **Third Violation:** The device will be confiscated, a parent conference will be held, the device returned to the parent, and the student will serve an in-school suspension (ISS).
- 4. **Fourth Violation and Beyond:** The device will be confiscated, a parent conference will be held, the device returned to the parent, and the student will serve in-school suspension and be excluded from activities for that day.

## **Working Together for Success:**

We believe that by partnering with families, students, and staff, we can create an environment that supports student success, focus, and well-being. We ask for your support in reinforcing this policy at home by encouraging your student to leave their personal devices stored during the school day.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please do not hesitate to contact your school administrator or the district office. We appreciate your cooperation and support as we implement this important state law and policy. To review the adopted Wing Public School Policy, follow this link: Policy FFI.

Thank you for working with us to make our school a great place for learning!

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