

Dear Huron Valley Elementary School Families,

We would like to share an important update regarding student personal communication devices (PCD)/cell phone use during the school day. Beginning January 20, 2026, the Huron Valley Schools will be implementing **PCD/cell phone guidelines** based upon [Board Policy 5136](#) and [Administrative Guideline ag5136](#) designed to support student focus, learning, and overall well-being. HVS is a teaching and learning organization committed to removing distractions that prevent us from accomplishing our mission of high quality engagement, teaching and learning.

Research and feedback from staff, families, and students show that cell phones can be a significant source of distraction during instructional time. Our goal is to create a learning environment that allows students to be fully engaged, interact meaningfully with peers, and develop positive digital habits.

The guidelines for elementary school students are as follows:

- PCDs/Cell phones must be **turned off** and **stored in backpacks or lockers** during the school day.
- This includes during all instructional periods, lunch, passing time and transportation on district owned vehicles (e.g. school bus).
- The school day begins when the student enters the school building or district owned vehicle and ends at the conclusion of the final class period or when the child exits the district owned vehicle.
- Devices included, but are not limited to, cell phones, smartwatches, iPads, electronic e-readers, earbuds, and other web-enabled devices of any type.
- Using a PCD in an unauthorized manner or in violation of the School Board Policy will result in the PCD to be confiscated until the student's parent/guardian can retrieve the device.

We ask for your partnership in reinforcing the importance of being present and engaged in learning. If you need to reach your child during the school day, please contact the school's main office.

We believe these guidelines will help reduce distractions, improve academic performance, and support healthier social interactions at school. Thank you for your cooperation and support as we work together to provide the best learning environment for all students.

If you have questions, please contact my office or visit [our website](#) for more information, including a video overview and FAQ document.

Sincerely,

Principal