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Eldred Central School District Distraction-free Environment Compliance Plan

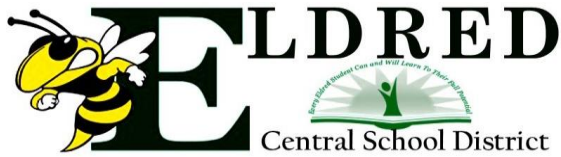
The Board of Education recognizes that students may have personal communication devices (PCDs) that can perform different functions. Such devices include “internet-enabled devices” defined as: any smartphone, tablet, smartwatch, earbuds or other device capable of connecting to the internet and enabling the user to access content on the internet, including social media applications, but do not include any such device supplied by the district for educational purposes.

Students are encouraged not to bring cell phones or other personal communication devices that utilize Wi-Fi including smart watches, and air pods/earbuds to school.

If students choose to bring a cell phone/device to school- here are the expectations: cell phones and other communication devices (smart watches, air pods) will be stored upon arrival to school for the entirety of the school day. The devices will remain in storage for the entire school day, including lunch.

1. Students who need to be in contact with their family during the academic day will be able to use one of the school phones in the main office. Parents are encouraged to contact the main office if there is a message that needs to be relayed.
2. Students assume the risk of damage, theft, or loss when choosing to bring their device to school.
3. Students may use their cell phone, smart watches and other communication devices before and after the academic school day.

George Ross Mackenzie Elementary	Eldred JSHS
Arrival Phones will be turned off and kept in the student’s backpack and stored in each classroom.	Arrival Phones will be turned off and stored in the student’s locker.
Dismissal Phones will return home in the student’s backpack.	Dismissal Phones will be retrieved at the end of the day from the student’s locker.
In Case of Emergency Parents may contact the school to give a message or speak with their child, if the need arises. GRM- Parent Communication Numbers	In Case of Emergency Parents may contact the school to give a message or speak with their child, if the need arises. Eldred JSHS- Parent/Guardian Communication:



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<p>Field Trips</p> <p>Cell phone guidelines for off-campus school activities will be individualized depending on the specific trip and activities. These expectations will be addressed at pre-trip meetings and/or on trip-specific permission slips.</p>	<p>Field Trips-</p> <p>Cell phone guidelines for off-campus school activities will be individualized depending on the specific trip and activities. These expectations will be addressed at pre-trip meetings and/or on trip-specific permission slips.</p>

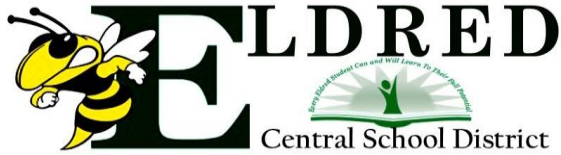
Enforcement, Consequences and Reporting

Enforcement of this policy is chiefly the responsibility of building administrative staff; however, all designated employees are expected to assist in enforcement. Students will be reminded of this policy regularly and consistently, especially at the start of the school year and after returning from breaks. It is important to understand that any student who does not follow the “no cellphone/electronics” policy will be in violation of the District’s Code of Conduct, with consequences applied accordingly based on the nature of the infraction. The district may not impose suspension from school if the sole grounds for the suspension is that the student accessed an internet-enabled device as prohibited by this policy.

Some uses of personal electronic devices may constitute a violation of the school district Code of Conduct or other district policies, and in some instances, the law. The district will cooperate with law enforcement officials as appropriate.

Administrators will also discuss the aims of this policy with students and their parents, the benefits of a distraction-free environment, the reasons the student had difficulty following this policy, and how the district can help the student contribute to a distraction-free environment.

Consequences	Consequences
1st Time- Warning	1st Time- Warning



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2nd Time- Cell phone is confiscated and placed in the office for the remainder of the day. Student can retrieve phone at the end of the day.	2nd Time- Cell phone is confiscated and placed in the office for the remainder of the day. Student can retrieve phone at the end of the day.
3rd Time- Cell Phone confiscated and parents can pick it up at the end of the day	3rd Time- Cell Phone confiscated and parents can pick it up at the end of the day

Beginning September 1, 2026 and annually thereafter, the district will publish an annual report on its website detailing the enforcement of this policy over the past year, including non-identifiable demographic information of students who have faced disciplinary action for non-compliance with this policy, and an analysis of any demographic disparities in enforcement of this policy. If a statistically significant disparate enforcement impact is identified, the report will include a plan to mitigate such disparate enforcement.