



AWAY FOR THE DAY at Scituate High School

Unplug and Be A Spartan!

SHS is committed to fostering a focused and engaging learning environment, promoting positive social interactions, and supporting the mental well-being of our students. To achieve these goals, we have implemented an "Away for the Day" cell phone initiative.

Devices should be off or silenced and stored out of sight (in a locker, backpack, or designated classroom storage space). High school students may have the privilege of using personal devices during hallway transitions and at their high school lunch wave. Students may not enter a classroom with a cell phone (visually in their hand) at any time.

What Does Research Say?

72%

of U.S. high school teachers say that cell phone distraction is a major problem.

Distracts From Learning

40%

of teens say using social media hurts their productivity.

Hinders Productivity

59%

of students distracted by phones in the classroom scored lower on math tests.

Academic Decline

45%

of teens feel overwhelmed by the constant need to check their cell phones.

Impacts Mental Health

Corrective Action

First Offense

The device will be confiscated by school staff and held in the main office, and will be returned to the student at the dismissal bell.

Parents/guardians will be notified.

Second Offense

The device will be confiscated by school staff and held in the main office, and will be returned to the student at the dismissal bell.

Parents/guardians will be notified. A school consequence will be issued.

Third & Subsequent Offenses

The device will be confiscated and held in the main office. A parent/guardian will be required to pick up the device.

Further disciplinary action will be taken, which may include in school detention, and/or social suspension, and/or requiring the student to check their phone into the main office daily upon arrival for a designated period of time.