



McCloud Public Schools

Personal Electronic Devices 2025-2026

Information pursuant to Oklahoma Statutes, Section 1-126, Title 70 and MPS Policy FNG

Devices Off — Learning On

Studies continue to show that spending less time on screens during class helps students stay focused, feel less stressed, and connect more with their learning and each other. By keeping personal devices off and put away during lessons, we create an environment where students can do their best in school, build friendships, and take care of their well-being. This new policy is in agreement with the new state law regarding prohibiting students from using electronic devices from bell-to-bell (as defined in the statute “Bell to bell” means the time between the first bell ringing at the start of the school day to begin instructional time until the dismissal bell at the end of the school day to end instructional time.)

Expectations for Students

All students are expected to keep personal electronic devices turned off and out of sight during the instructional day. Per statute and school policy, exceptions for certain medical needs are allowable. Personal electronic devices include cell phones, earbuds, headphones, iPods, smartwatches, smart glasses, and any other device that can connect to the internet, a cell phone, or a cellular/wifi network. This includes any time a student is on the campus of another Oklahoma public school. However, devices may be used before and after school. This effort helps us create a better learning environment by reducing distractions and encouraging students to stay engaged. Families can always reach their child by calling the school office. Students may request to go to the office to use the phone to call their parents or guardians during the instructional day.

Guidelines for Students & Families

- **Bringing a Device is a Personal Choice** – McCloud Public Schools cannot guarantee the safety of personal devices. Students bring their personal electronic devices at their own risk. To avoid loss or damage, we recommend leaving all devices at home or keeping them safely stored in a bag.
- **Devices Should Stay Out of Sight** – Personal devices must be put away and should not be used on campus during instructional time, other than the specific exceptions outlined in school policy. This includes but is not limited to passing periods, bathrooms, hallways, and locker rooms.
- **Keep Devices Off**– If a personal device disrupts the educational environment, it will be treated as a policy violation.
- **Lost or Stolen Devices** – MPS is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged personal electronic devices.
- **Need to Reach Your Student?** – In case of an emergency, parents can call the school office.
- **Students Needing to Call Home** – If a student needs to contact a parent, they may request to use the phone in each school office.

Consequences

As mandated by the new state statute referenced above, students and their personal electronic devices that violate MPS Board Policy FNG may be subject to the discipline and school consequences as outlined in board policy and the student handbook.