

Personal Electronic Device Policy ("Bell to Bell, No Cell")

In accordance with **Arkansas Act 122 (2025)** and to promote a focused, respectful, and distraction-free learning environment, the following policy governs the use of personal electronic devices at our Adult High School.

Purpose

The goal of this policy is to support student success by minimizing distractions during instructional time and encouraging meaningful engagement with academic content and peers.

Definitions

A **Personal Electronic Device (PED)** includes, but is not limited to:

- Cell phones
 - Smartwatches
 - Tablets
 - Laptops
 - Bluetooth/wireless headphones or earpieces
 - Any device capable of wireless communication or media playback not issued by the school
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General Rule

Use of personal electronic devices is prohibited during the instructional day — from the first bell to the last bell.

This rule applies in:

- Classrooms
 - Hallways
 - Restrooms
 - Cafeterias or break areas during class time
 - Any school-sponsored activities during instructional hours
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Permitted Exceptions

Device use may be allowed for the following reasons:

1. **Emergency situations**, as determined by school staff
 2. **Health-related accommodations**, documented in a 504 Plan, IEP, or health plan
 3. **Instructional use**, as authorized by a teacher or administrator
 4. **Concurrent enrollment, credit recovery, or required online coursework**
 5. **School-issued devices** for educational purposes
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Student Responsibility

- Devices must be **silenced or turned off** and **stored out of sight** during instructional periods unless an exception applies.
 - Students are expected to follow directions from all staff regarding device use.
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Enforcement and Disciplinary Actions

If a student uses a device in violation of this policy:

1. The device may be **confiscated** by staff.
2. **Repeated violations** may result in progressive discipline, including:
 - Verbal warning
 - Loss of privilege to bring the device to school
 - Suspension (for severe or repeated noncompliance)

Note: The school is **not responsible** for lost, stolen, or damaged devices that are confiscated due to policy violations.

Accessibility and Equity

The school is committed to equitable access:

- Accommodations will be made for students with documented needs (e.g., medical, learning differences, English learners).
 - If you believe you require an exemption or accommodation, please speak with an advisor or administrator.
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Final Note

As an adult learner, your success depends on your ability to remain focused and self-directed. This policy is not intended to be punitive but to provide an environment that supports your educational goals..