Fillmore Central K–12 Cell Phone Policy

Fillmore Central Public Schools has created the following phone policy in an effort to: minimize distractions, promote positive social interaction, and encourage classroom engagement.

Policy Overview (K–12):
Use of Cell phones, smartwatches, earbuds/headphones, and any other non-school issued personal electronic devices/smart devices are not permitted from the beginning of the school day until dismissal. These devices must be turned off and not on the student. They may be stored in lockers, cars, or designated storage areas.

All communication during the school day should go through the school office.

> Parents – if you need to reach your child during the school day please contact your child's school building's office – Elementary 402-759-3184, Middle School 402-268-3411, or High School 402-759-3141.
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> Students that need to reach their parents during the school day may ask to use the phone in the office.

Allowed Cell Phone Use:
Before and after school hours.
Activity Bus Trips, but not educational field trips

Exceptions:
Accommodations for students with health or educational needs will be made through IEP's/504 Plans.

Consequences for Violation (K–12):

1st Offense: Electronic device(s) will be confiscated and electronic device(s) held in office. A Parent/Guardian, or another adult that the parent/guardian tells the office has permission, may pick up the device in the school building's office until 4 p.m. that day or the next morning after 7:30 a.m.

2nd Offense: Electronic device(s) will be confiscated and electronic device(s) held in office. A Parent/Guardian, or another adult that the parent/guardian tells the office has permission, may pick up the device in the school building's office until 4 p.m. that day or the next morning after 7:30 a.m. The student will need to turn their phone into the office and be able to retrieve it from the office after dismissal for the next five school days.

3rd Offense: Electronic device(s) will be confiscated and electronic device(s) held in office. A Parent/Guardian, or another adult that the parent/guardian tells the office has permission, may pick up the device in the school building's office until 4 p.m. that day or the next morning after 7:30 a.m. The student will need to turn their phone into the office and be able to retrieve it from the office after dismissal for the next ten school days.

4th Offense: Electronic device(s) will be confiscated and electronic device(s) held in office. A Parent/Guardian, or another adult that the parent/guardian tells the office has permission, may pick up the device in the school building's office until 4 p.m. that day or the next morning after

7:30 a.m. The student will need to turn their phone into the office and be able to retrieve it from the office after dismissal for the next 45 school days.

Repeated Offenses: May result in suspension of electronic devices privileges for the remainder of the quarter/semester and additional disciplinary action.

Locker Room/Restroom If a student has a phone/device confiscated in locker room or restroom during the school day it will be turned into the office and will follow the consequences of a 4th offense.

Final Notes:
This policy is in effect on all school property, vehicles, and at school-sponsored events during the school day unless otherwise communicated.

The school is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged electronic devices.

The policy will be reviewed annually with student, staff, BOE, and administration input.

Locks:
Middle and High School Students may check out a padlock from the school if they would like to lock their phone/device in their locker or they may supply their own lock (with supplying the office with a key or combination). Phones and devices stored in lockers will need to be turned off. Elementary students may check their devices into the office in the morning and retrieve them at the end of the day.